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31.
HOLD ME, TWILIGHT

WE AGREED THAT I'D BE CAPTAIN FOR THE DAY, AND YOU'D DO WHATEVER I SAID, RIGHT?
NOW, DANCE FOR ME!
SHOW ME A FUSION OF THE CHEER-LEADERS' AND THE OUENDAN'S STYLES!

KANAN
KANAN
KANAN
KANAN
KANAN

COME ON, KANAN! HIT IT OUTTA THE PARK!
KANAN
ドドド

SHWING!!
WHY THE HELL...
...SHOULD I HAVE TO DO THIS?!
YEEAH!
AWESOME!
THE CHEER-LEADERS ROCK!
HEY, NOT BAD!
YOU'RE KILLING IT, ABETAMA!
This'll be a great chance to show everyone what you cheerleaders can do.
Or are you just not as good as Captain Usami? Wow, I expected better from you, Captain Abe...
GRRR
I GUESS IT IS PRETTY COOL TO SEE THE CHEER-LEADERS DO THE OUENDAN'S MOVES, BUT...

SHWING
DON'T STOP! PLAY HARD!
WHO'S THAT?
UGH.
KANAN!!
HUH? IS THAT THE OUENDAN'S CAPTAIN?
SMILE, PLEASE!
...
THAT'S AN ORDER.
HEY!
FWISH!
HEY!
KANAN!
HEY!
FWISH
HEY!

TWIRL
TWIRL
FSSH
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SMILE LIKE THAT BEFORE ...
SHE'S SNAPPED ...
HEY!
HEY!

IMA-MURA!
WHY SHOULD USAMI HAVE TO DO THIS ALL ON HER OWN? I DON'T SEE HOW IT'S ANY BETTER THAN HAZING!
THIS IS THE KIND OF PANSY-ASS ACT I'D EXPECT TO SEE AT A WEDDING!

...

WELL, THIS IS BORING.
WHY ARE YOU JUST DOING WHAT I TELL YOU? WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO TURN IT AROUND ON ME?

YOU WERE THE SAME WAY EARLIER ...
LISTEN UP.
I INTEND...
..TO MERGE THE CHEERLEADERS AND THE OUENDAN.
AND AS FOR YOU!
I WANT YOU TO CHEER LIKE THE CHEERLEADERS DO!
THAT'S AN ORDER!
WH-
WHAT? YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?
WILL THIS SATISFY YOU?
DAMN IT!
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THEN SAY SOMETHING!
THIS IS SO UNLIKE HER...
I MEAN ...
THIS IS PRETTY COOL...
SHEF
MRR
GRR
FLINCH...
UGH!

...IS THAT EVEN THE CAPTAIN'S MOVES SEEM SO MUCH PRETTIER THIS WAY.
BUT THE REAL SHAME...
KANAN

WA
PISH
KANAN
DADUM
Pearl

WOOOO
CLAP
I'VE NEVER SEEN CHEERING LIKE THAT BEFORE.
WOW!

...
PANT
PANT
PANT
...
OH, ABETAMA. YOU ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.
IT LOOKS LIKE US CHEERLEADERS CAN SUPPORT THE BASEBALL TEAM ALL ON OUR OWN!
W-WELL, I GUESS WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE OUENDAN FALLING APART.
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT PRESERVING THE OUENDAN'S TRADITIONS AT ALL, DO YOU?
YOU ...
IMAMURA ...
ARE YOU OKAY?
USAMI!

HONESTLY...
ALL I CARE ABOUT IS THAT IT'S COOL.
I DON'T PLAN ON...
...TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANYTHING ELSE.
YOUR WAY OF CHEERING IS JUST STRAIGHT-UP OLD, USAMI-SAN.
YOU'D PROBABLY BE BETTER OFF WITH THIS IMAMURA GUY AS CAPTAIN.
HUH?!
YOU SHOULD SERIOUSLY JUST QUIT ALREADY.
HEY!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
...

DASH
WHAT THE ?!
CAP-TAAAIN ?!
STAY BACK!
YOU SAY THAT ...
...BUT YOU'RE STILL SLOWER THAN ME.
Come on
PANT
PANT
PANT
...

YOU, TOO, HUH?
YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE REST OF THEM. YOU THINK THE WAY I'VE BEEN CHEERING ALL THIS TIME IS A BIG JOKE.
THAT'S WHY IT WAS SO FUN FOR YOU TO HUMILIATE ME BY MAKING ME CHEER LIKE THAT.
HUH?

THAT MUST BE IT. AFTER ALL, MY CHEERING HASN'T HELPED US WIN A SINGLE GAME SO FAR.
THE OUENDAN MIGHT AS WELL NOT EXIST.

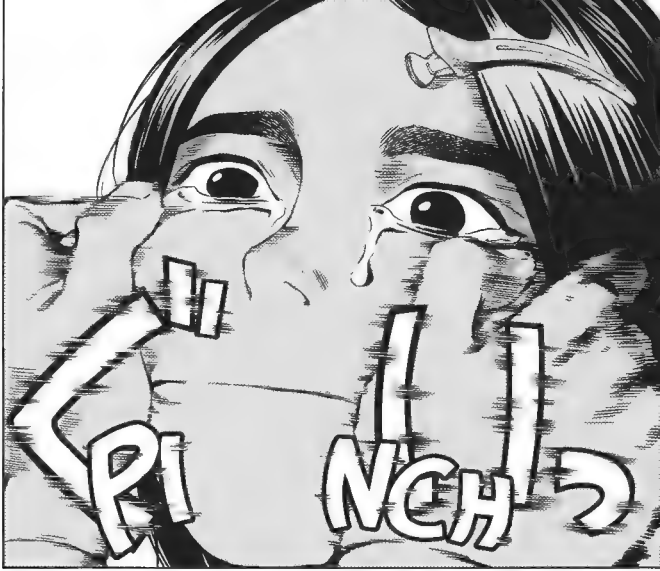
CAPTAIN!
WAIT! WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?! LISTEN TO ME!
HEY!

I'M SORRY I COULDN'T BE A CAPTAIN MORE DESERVING OF YOUR RESPECT!
UNH...
UUNH...
I NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

GRAB
CAPTAIN!

YOU CAN QUIT THE OUEN-DAN.
IMA-MURA.

IF YOU HATED MY WAY OF CHEER-ING...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO CHEER ANYMORE.
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.
I...I SWEAR, THIS GIRL...
...THEN I'M SORRY I MADE YOU SUFFER THROUGH IT.


PINCH

IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE THOUGHT THIS WHOLE TIME?!
YOU DUMB-ASS!

I'VE WORKED MY ASS OFF TRYING TO KEEP THE OUEN-DAN FROM FALLING APART SO I COULD SEE YOU CHEER LIKE YOU DID AT MY ENTRANCE CEREMONY AGAIN!
I LOVED IT!
BLOOP
H-
HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT WHEN YOU NEVER TOLD ME?!
ASS-HOLE!
WELL, NOW YOU KNOW!
I STILL DON'T GET IT!

WAAAAAH
WAAAAAH

CAP-
TAIN
...
I LIKE
YOUR
CHEER-
ING.
I
LIKE
IT...
...JUST
THE WAY
IT IS.
BUT AFTER
SEEING YOU
DANCE LIKE
THAT...HOW DO
I PUT THIS?
I JUST...
Umm...

OHH...
UHH...
NO!
FIG-URES.
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS BETWEEN THEM.

32. A GOOD DAY TO FLY

LET ME BE CLEAR.
QUENTOWN
THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN!

WOULD YOU QUIT IT WITH THAT CHART?!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
NOT IN THE RUNNING
I'LL JUST PUT THAT DOWN AS, "ROMANTIC INTEREST UNCLEAR, BUT SOMETHING'S GOING ON."

STOP IT!
HUR
HUR
UHH?
OH! BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT REO-CHAN, IMAMURA?
I need to know for my chart
"ONE-SIDED CRUSH ON IMAMURA."
MIGHT AS WELL PUT REO-CHAN UP HERE, WHILE I'M AT IT.

AFTER I'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THAT?!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
AHHH...
USAMI...
HOW CAN I BE CALM?!
FWISH
FWISH
WHAT SHOULD I PUT DOWN FOR YOU, CHAN-KUMA?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
HEY! WHY ARE YOU CURLED UP IN A BALL ON THE FLOOR?
Blah!
Fuck
Fuck
Fuck
Sad

SWAP
I MEAN, WHY DO WE HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS AS A GROUP IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
BE-CAUSE IT'S IMPOR-TANT!
THERE WAS NO SPECIAL REASON FOR IT!
CARE TO EX-PLAIN THAT ?!
THEN WHY WERE YOU TWO STANDING THERE HUGGING ?!

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING: YOUTH IS SHORT!
YOU HAVE TO COMMU-NICATE, SEIZE THE DAY, AND ACT!
OTHERWISE, THE ONLY THING YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW AT THE END OF THESE THREE YEARS IS YOUR REGRET AT WASTING THEM!
YOU NEED TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL, WHO YOU LIKE, AND WHO YOU DISLIKE!
KAIO
PSSSSH
SO DO YOU LIKE EACH OTHER ?
OR WHAT ?

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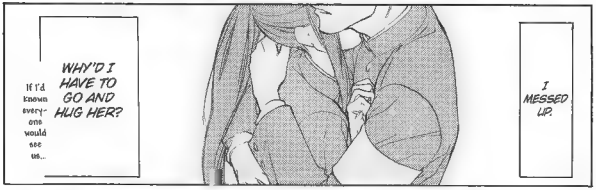
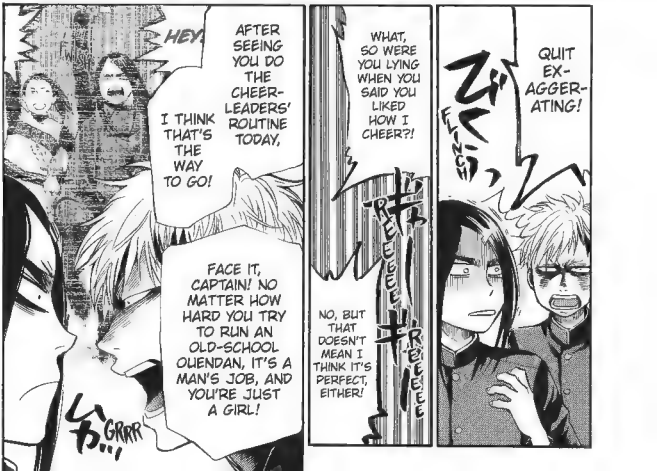
ZSH…


I MESSED UP.
WHY'D I HAVE TO GO AND HUG HER?
If I'd known everyone would see us…

THERE'S NO REAL REASON I DID IT. IT JUST SEEMED RIGHT. BUT I DON'T WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT…

WOW.
I WOULDN'T EXPECT THAT KIND OF PERSPECTIVE FROM A FIRST-YEAR.
YEAH, BE STRAIGHT WITH US!
BOOT CAMP IS NO PLACE FOR SOME FLING!


QUIT EXAGGERATING!
FLINCH
WHAT, SO WERE YOU LYING WHEN YOU SAID YOU LIKED HOW I CHEER?!
FREEEE

IF YOU ASK KABOKOKU'S CAPTAIN, OUR OUENDAN IS JUST A CHEAP IMITATION OF HIS, AND WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT THEM!
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU MAD?! DON'T YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF COME-BACK FOR THAT?!
COME ON!
CAP-TAIN!
THWUNK
GAH!
WHAT THE HELL?
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD US SOONER, DAMN IT!
I'M NOT GONNA LET THEM TALK ABOUT US LIKE THAT!
HOW-EVER!
I'D RATHER DIE THAN SEE THE OUENDAN USING THE CHEERLEAD-ERS' ROU-TINES!
THEN WHAT ARE WE SUP-POSED TO DO?!
THAT'S WHERE I COME IN!
GLINT

HA!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY WERE LACKING SOME-THING!
WE SHOULD MIX KARATE MOVES INTO OUR CHEERS TO GIVE THEM SOME MORE OOMPH!
SHOOM!
AY!
FWOO!
WAIT.
THAT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA. WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE THAT?
UH ...
I MEAN, I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT.
TO BE HONEST,
I ALWAYS *HAVE* WANTED TO TRY OUT SOME NEW MOVES.

JOLT
THERE'S ACTUALLY SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TRY, TOO!
WHAT IS IT, CHAN-KUMA?
YOU KNOW HOW I MOSTLY PLAY THAT BASS DRUM FOR OUR BASEBALL CHEERS?
CLATTER
I WANT TO TRY DOING IT WITH THIS TRADITIONAL TAIKO DRUM INSTEAD.
TAK
TA-
WHOA.
THAT'S A FAST BEAT.
I'D LIKE TO CHEER AT THIS TEMPO!
TAK
TAK
TAK
DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
DA DUM
DUM
DUM TAKKA TAK
DUM TAKKA TAK
-DUM TAKKA TAK

I didn't have any friends when I got back to Japan, either so I'd go play it at the arcade
YEAH! I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, SO I SPENT ALL MY TIME AT HOME PLAYING TAIKO NO TATSUJIN.
GUH
GUH
I THOUGHT YOU GREW UP OVER-SEAS!
WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO PLAY?
I can't believe there's actually something cool about Chou-kuma
HE'S GOOD ...
I BET WE CAN DO SOME-THING REALLY COOL.
LET'S MAKE SOME-THING NEW.
THIS IS GREAT.
QUADRAN RELATIONSHIP CHART
WHY HAVEN'T WE TRIED THIS BEFORE?

USAMI?
I SEE.
SO, YOU ALL HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF CHEERING YOU WANT TO TRY.
DROOP
I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT REALIZING SOONER.
HOWEVER.
YOU HAVE TO TELL ME THESE THINGS!
THWUNK
THWUNK
THWUNK
WHY'D YOU HIT ME? I DIDN'T EVEN SAY ANYTHING.

IMA-MURA.
YOU STILL CHEER LIKE YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSED ABOUT IT.
YOU ARE TO PRACTICE UNTIL YOU CAN CHEER WITH CONFI-DENCE!
SUGA.
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU KNOW KARATE, BUT YOU HAVE A HABIT OF GETTING AHEAD OF THE REST OF US.
YOU ARE TO WATCH THAT YOU STAY IN SYNC.
OKA.
YOU'RE TOO GOOD AT CUTTING CORNERS.
OF COURSE, THAT'S BE-CAUSE YOU KNOW WHEN IT REALLY MAT-TERS, BUT I WANT TO SEE YOU GIVING US YOUR ALL FROM TIME TO TIME.
AND OKUMA.
YOU ARE TO TEACH YOUR CLUB-MATES HOW TO PLAY THE DRUMS.
AS THINGS STAND, WE'RE SCREWED IF YOU PASS OUT DURING A GAME.

WE'RE GOING TO SHOW BOTH KABOKOKU AND OUR OWN BASEBALL TEAM THAT KANAN'S OUENDAN IS WITHOUT COMPARE.
AND TO THAT END...
...WE'RE GOING TO CREATE A NEW WAY OF CHEERING, TOGETHER.
OSU!

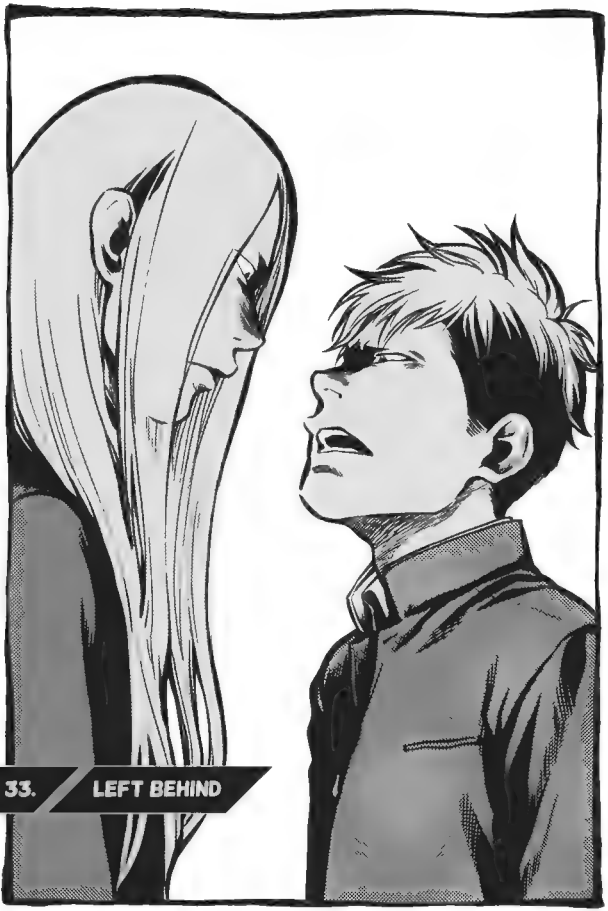
YOU'VE CHANGED SINCE IMAMURA SHOWED UP, USAMI.
HUH ?!
IN A GOOD WAY, I MEAN.
...
SIL ENCE
GET TO PRAC-TICE!
COME ON, NEWBIE! CHOP CHOP!
SHOO
SHOO
I DO HAVE A NAME.

...CHANGED THE CAPTAIN?

HUH?
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
I DON'T KNOW ...
IMA-MURA!
WHAT'S UP?
DID YOU TRIP?

HEY!
ARE YOU THERE?
IMA-MURA?
...
BADUMP
BADUMP
PANG
PANG
PANG
OWWW!
MY HEAD FEELS LIKE IT'S GONNA SPLIT OPEN!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HEY!
I COULD DIE!
HEY! GET UP!
BADUMP

IMA-
MURA!
GET
UP!


33.
LEFT BEHIND

THUNK
GET OUT OF THE WAY, IMA-MURA!
AKI! ARE YOU OKAY?
COME ON! AKI!
AN-SWER ME!
FUJI-EDA ?!
ISN'T THAT...
HUH?
GASP!

I FEEL LIKE THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE FALLEN DOWN THE STAIRS AND HIT MY HEAD...
PANG
PANG
WAIT... THAT'S WHEN I...
IMA-MURA!
...RA!
GET UP!
WHOSE VOICE IS THAT?
IMA-MURA!

WHEN'D MY HAIR GET THIS LONG?
WHAT ...?

I MUST BE DREAMING.
OH, I GET IT.
WEEE WOOO
WEEE WOOO
KABOSU CENTRAL HOSPITAL

SHE MAY STILL BE UNCONSCIOUS, BUT SHE'LL BE FINE IF WE LET HER REST.
HER INJURIES AREN'T LIFE-THREATENING
CALM DOWN, FUJIEDA-SAN.
OH THANK GOD
WAAAAH!
OH, AKI.
NOOO! AKI! YOU CAN'T DIE ON ME!
MOMMY'S HERE! PLEASE, WAKE UP!

SOMEBODY CALL THE POLICE!
THAT BLOND BOY IS A MURDERER!
RIGHT
YOU CAN GO NOW, IMAMURA-SAN.
HE PROBABLY WANTED TO HAVE HIS WAY WITH HER..
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
WAAAAAH!
DON'T JUST SIT THERE! DO SOMETHING! HURRY!
HE TRIED TO MURDER MY AKI BY PUSHING HER DOWN THE STAIRS!
SOMEBODY GO CATCH THAT MONSTER!
TRAAAAP
THIS IS ONE HELL OF A NIGHTMARE ...
PLEASE CALM DOWN!
AND YOU JUST HAPPENED TO SLIP AND FALL DOWN AFTER HER. IS THAT RIGHT?
YES.
THEN, FUJIEDA JUST HAPPENED TO FALL DOWN THE STAIRS AND HIT HER HEAD.
YOU AND FUJIEDA JUST HAPPENED TO BOTH GO TO THE WEST BUILDING, WHERE YOU JUST HAPPENED TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER.
I SEE.
I THINK I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
GUIDANCE OFFICE
SO, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.

...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D CAUSE THIS KIND OF TROUBLE RIGHT AFTER HIS GRADUATION.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A QUIET BOY.
I'M SO SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY WITNESSES TO CONFIRM YOUR STORY, AFTER ALL.
WE'LL KNOW THE TRUTH ONCE FUJIEDA WAKES UP, YOU KNOW.
SO, ARE WE DONE NOW OR WHAT?
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IMAMURA! HEY!
OH.
YEAH ...
ARE YOU FEELING OKAY, KIN-CHAN?
THUNK
SIGH ...
IT SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH WHEN THEY CALLED TO LET ME KNOW YOU WERE INJURED AT YOUR GRADUATION, KIN-CHAN.
LET'S HOPE FUJIEDA-SAN GETS BETTER SOON.
SORRY, GOTTA RUN!
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
ANYWAY, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR LUNCH?
OKAY.
I'LL GET BACK TO WORK, THEN.

I'VE RETURNED...
...TO THREE YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
IT'S LOCKED...
DAMN!
DO NOT ENTER
DO NOT
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!
...I'M NOT DREAMING.
I GUESS...

...WHERE I'M ALONE.
TO A WORLD...
I HEAR YOU WERE HURT.
ARE YOU OKAY?
?!
DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL!
HEEEY! IMAMURA!
WHAT?!
GLOMP
KITAJIMA SENSEI!
HUH?
THE QUENDAN?
SHUMP

I NEVER WOULD'VE EXPECTED YOU TO BE INTERESTED IN THE OUENDAN, THOUGH. YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SOMETHING SOONER.
HEY, WANNA SEE A FEW MORE PICTURES FROM BACK THEN?
THERE USED TO BE A FEW OTHER MEMBERS, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE YOU CAME HERE.
?!
OKA!
LUCKY SUGA!
CHANKUMA!
HEY, THESE AREN'T LIKE THE PICTURES TAKEN AT OUR BOOT CAMP...
MUMBLE MUMBLE
THE OUENDAN WAS DISBANDED THREE YEARS AGO.
THEY COULDN'T GET ANY NEW MEMBERS.
THE ONLY ONE LEFT WAS THE CAPTAIN, A GIRL NAMED USAMI. SHE PERFORMED FOR THE LAST TIME AT YOUR ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT, IMAMURA?
IT WASN'T A DREAM.
THIS CAPTAIN...
...IS THE SAME ONE I KNEW.

IMA-MURA,
HOW DO YOU KNOW THEM?
...
THEY'RE REAL.
I DIDN'T DREAM THEM UP.
THERE AREN'T EXACTLY ANY GAMES FOR THE OUENDAN TO WIN,
SO THE ONLY WAY TO LEAVE A RECORD IS TO TAKE PICTURES LIKE THESE.
BUT...
...I HAVEN'T REALLY MET THEM.
KITA-JIMA SEN-SEI,
WHAT ARE OKA, SUGA, CHAN-KUMA, AND CAPTAIN USAMI UP TO THESE DAYS?
OH!
WELL, IF YOU WANT TO GET A HOLD OF THEM, I'M SURE I COULD MANAGE...
ACTU-ALLY ...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT USAMI.
WHY NOT HER ?!

USAMI DROPPED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF HER THIRD YEAR.
WHAT?!
SHE JUST MOVED AWAY WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE WHAT WAS GOING ON.
SHE DROPPED OUT? WHY? WHERE IS SHE NOW? WHAT'S SHE DOING?
I DON'T KNOW.

DON'T YOU EVER GO NEAR HER AGAIN!
AND IT'S YOUR FAULT!
SHE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS!
I JUST WANNA TALK TO HER.
GET OUT OF HERE!
HOLD IT! I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET YOU SEE MY AKI!
SU-CENTRAL HOSPITAL
WHERE HAS EVERYBODY GONE?
I WANT TO TALK TO HER!
AAAAAAAAGH
IS FUJIEDA STILL THERE...
...IN THAT OTHER WORLD?

IMA-MURA.
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK?
YOU...
YOU'RE THAT GUY...
YEAH...

THEN, I FOUND HER UNCONSCIOUS WITH YOU ON TOP OF HER. I HOPE YOU SEE WHY THAT'S SUSPICIOUS.
I TOLD AKI I'D MEET HER IN THE WEST BUILDING, BUT WHEN I GOT THERE, I HEARD HER SCREAMING.
HE'S AKI'S BOYFRIEND.
DON'T CALL ME THAT! IT'S CREEPY.
YOU'RE HIRO-KUN!
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND AKI?!

DON'T TOUCH ME!
YOU CREEP!
I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED.
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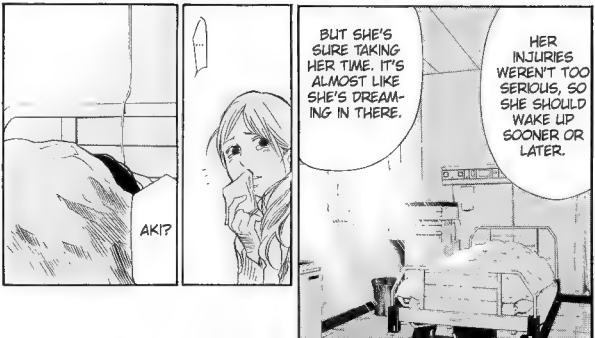
CLASP


HER INJURIES WEREN'T TOO SERIOUS, SO SHE SHOULD WAKE UP SOONER OR LATER.
BUT SHE'S SURE TAKING HER TIME. IT'S ALMOST LIKE SHE'S DREAMING IN THERE.
...
AKI?

IMA-
MURA
...
ME
AND
FUJI-
EDA...
...
WENT
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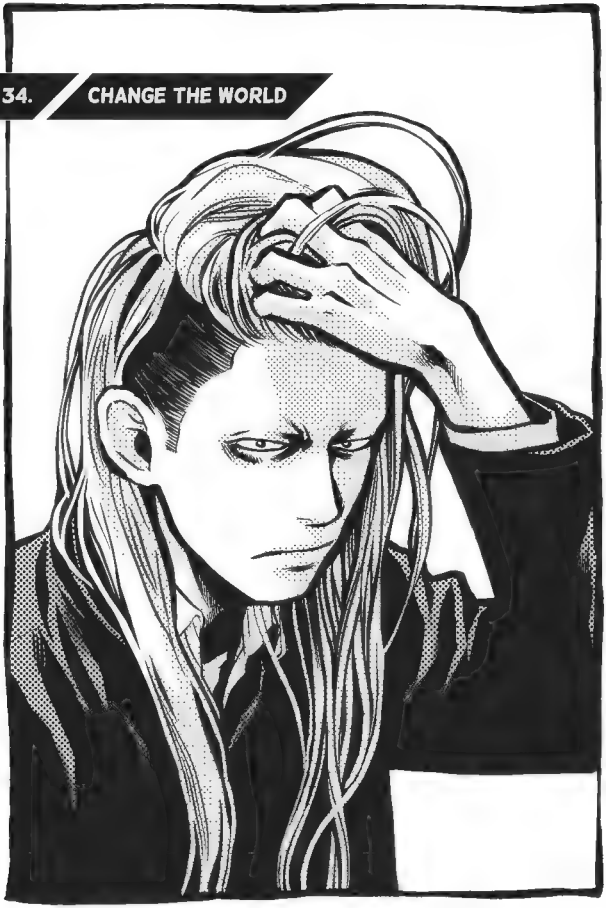
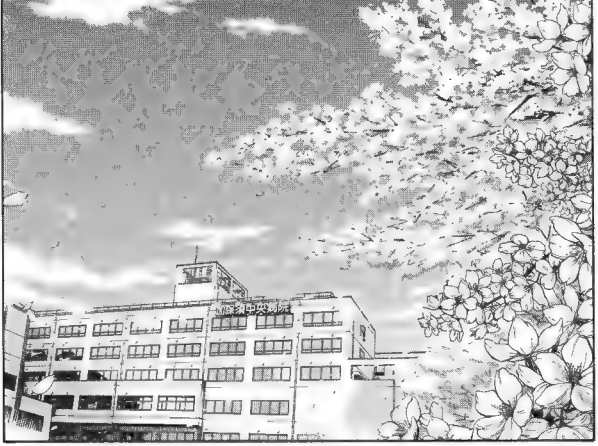
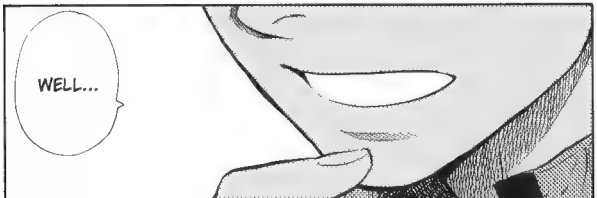
YEARS
BACK IN
TIME.

34. CHANGE THE WORLD

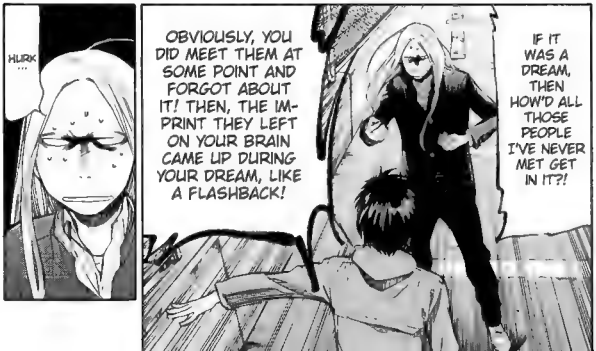




I SEE.
THAT EX-PLAINS IT.
YOU BE-LIEVE ME?
THAT WE WERE DOING HIGH SCHOOL OVER AGAIN.

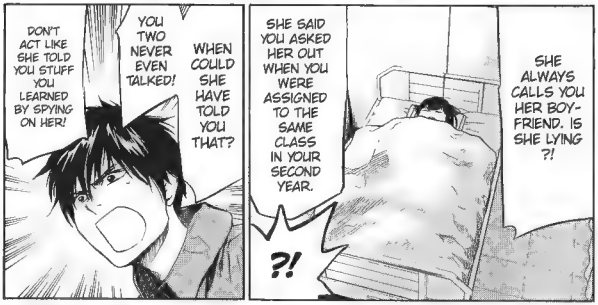

WELL...

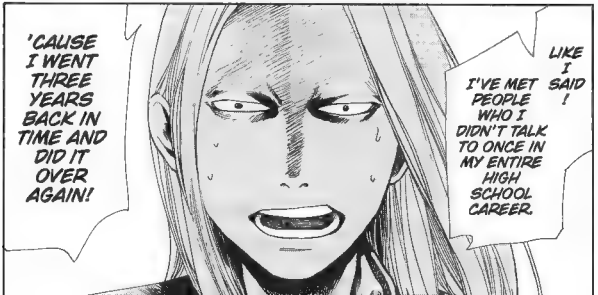
YOU WERE DREAM-ING! IT WAS ALL JUST A STUPID DREAM!
OF COURSE I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU AND AKI WENT THREE YEARS BACK IN TIME BY HITTING YOUR HEADS?
FLINCH


HURK ...
OBVIOUSLY, YOU DID MEET THEM AT SOME POINT AND FORGOT ABOUT IT! THEN, THE IM-PRINT THEY LEFT ON YOUR BRAIN CAME UP DURING YOUR DREAM, LIKE A FLASHBACK!
IF IT WAS A DREAM, THEN HOW'D ALL THOSE PEOPLE I'VE NEVER MET GET IN IT?!

IMAMURA,
YOU LIKED AKI, SO YOU WERE WAITING FOR HER IN THE WEST BUILDING, WEREN'T YOU?
NOW, TELL ME: WHAT DID YOU DO TO AKI?
DID YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO BUY THAT?
SHE JUST FREAKED OUT OVER NOTHING AND STARTED RUNNING. I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
WHAT?
HEY NOW! WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU FIGURED IT WAS YOUR LAST CHANCE, SO YOU'D JUST GO FOR IT.
I MEAN, SHE'S ALWAYS GOING ON ABOUT HOW MUCH SHE LOVES YOU, HIRO-KUN.
A GIRL WITH A BOY-FRIEND WOULD BE A PAIN IN THE ASS, ANYWAY.
I DO NOT LIKE FUJI-EDA!

WAIT!
FOR REAL?!
I AM NOT AKI'S BOY-FRIEND.
HEY, WATCH IT.


DON'T ACT LIKE SHE TOLD YOU STUFF YOU LEARNED BY SPYING ON HER!
YOU TWO NEVER EVEN TALKED!
WHEN COULD SHE HAVE TOLD YOU THAT?
SHE SAID YOU ASKED HER OUT WHEN YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO THE SAME CLASS IN YOUR SECOND YEAR.
?!
SHE ALWAYS CALLS YOU HER BOY-FRIEND. IS SHE LYING?!


'CAUSE I WENT THREE YEARS BACK IN TIME AND DID IT OVER AGAIN!
I'VE MET PEOPLE WHO I DIDN'T TALK TO ONCE IN MY ENTIRE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.
LIKE I SAID!

BULL-SHIT.
DO YOU EVEN LISTEN TO YOUR-SELF?
DON'T EVER TALK TO ME AGAIN.
YOU'RE STU-PIDER THAN I EX-PECTED
H''
FSSS
H''
SSSH
HSSSSS
MEWW
IDIOTISH

...IT WASN'T CONNECTED TO THIS ONE.
IT WAS JUST A DREAM.
THE PAST WORLD I WENT BACK TO...
THE OUENDAN ISN'T COMING BACK.
AND I'VE NEVER MET ANY OF THOSE GUYS.
CAPTAIN!
WHERE ARE YOU?
WEREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO CREATE A NEW WAY OF CHEERING TOGETHER?

11"
FWIP
HUH ?!

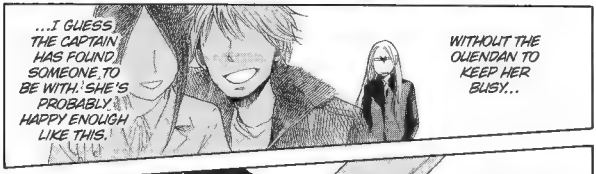
SHUF

SHE'S GOT TO BE OUT THERE SOMEWHERE... RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH SHE HASN'T MET ME IN THIS WORLD...

BUT...

NO, THAT CAN'T HAVE BEEN THE CAPTAIN...
DASH

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE TALKS TO HER ...
GRRRR
YOU'RE LATE, GIRL.
NOW, LET'S GET GOING.
SORRY.
WERE YOU WAITING LONG?


...I GUESS THE CAPTAIN HAS FOUND SOMEONE TO BE WITH. SHE'S PROBABLY HAPPY ENOUGH LIKE THIS.
WITHOUT THE QUENDAN TO KEEP HER BUSY..

I SHOULDN'T GET IN THEIR WAY...
...SHE'S PROBABLY MUCH HAPPIER.
WITHOUT ME AROUND...

I'M SORRY. I'M JUST NOT READY ...
YOU PROMISED WE'D DO IT WHEN YOU GRADUATED, BABE.
WAIT, THIS IS WHERE YOU WANTED TO TAKE ME?!
Casual Hotel
SWEET ❤ DREAMS
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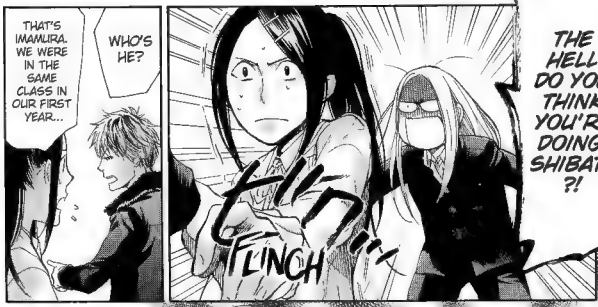
Weeknights
5,000 yen
WHATEVER! COME ON, REO.


THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, SHIBATA?!
FLINCH
WHO'S HE?
THAT'S IMAMURA. WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS IN OUR FIRST YEAR...

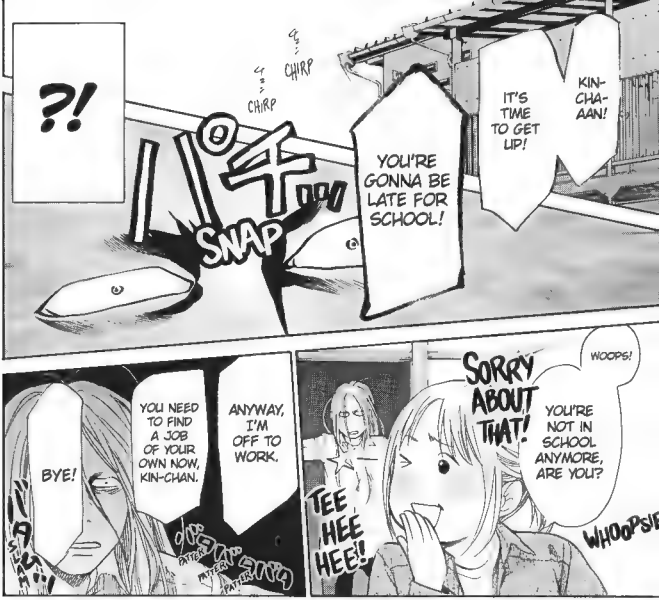
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE INTO!
HEY!
WHAT GIVES? ARE YOU BANGING HIM OR WHAT?
NO, OF COURSE NOT!
I'VE NEVER EVEN TALKED TO HIM BEFORE.

LET'S GO.
O-OKAY...
ARE'N'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE SMART? IS THAT YOUR IDEA OF A GOOD BOYFRIEND?
HE'S NOT MY BOY-FRIEND!
BACK OFF, BLONDIE!
ROAR
HOTEL
SWEET
YOU SAID YOU WERE A VIRGIN, AND I TRUSTED YOU.
YEAH, RIGHT.
A GIRL LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE TELL-ING FIBS.
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY!
But it's true. I didn't..
GOD, YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS!
"I'M SORRY!"
"I'M SO SORRY!"
YOU'VE GOTTA DUMP THIS GUY, SHIBATA. HE'S GAR-BAGE.
?!
HEY, SCREW YOU!
THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!

WAIT...
BOW
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
BYE.
JUST DROP IT.
I'VE NEVER BEEN GOOD AT SAYING NO, SO WE'D GO ON THE OCCASIONAL DATE... BUT I WANTED TO END THAT TODAY.
WE MET ONLINE.
I MEAN, HE WAS SHORT AND BLOND. HOW MANY RED FLAGS DO YOU NEED?

I USED TO BE SHORT AND BLOND.
OH YEAH...
SCRITCH
SCRITCH

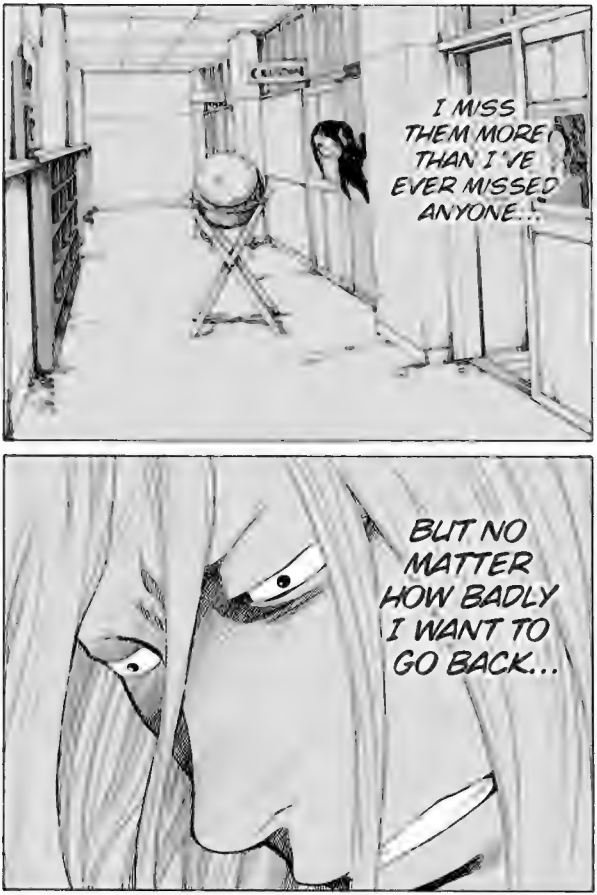
I'D KNOW!
...AND I STILL DON'T BOTHER TALKING TO MY OWN GRANDMA.
I GOT TO GO THERE YEARS BACK IN TIME...
GOD...
IF ONLY I COULD GO BACK AND DO IT OVER AGAIN...


?!
CHIRP
CHIRP
SNAP
KIN-CHA-AAN!
IT'S TIME TO GET UP!
YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!
BYE!
YOU NEED TO FIND A JOB OF YOUR OWN NOW, KIN-CHAN.
ANYWAY, I'M OFF TO WORK.
WOOPS!
SORRY ABOUT THAT!
YOU'RE NOT IN SCHOOL ANYMORE, ARE YOU?
TEE HEE HEE!
WHOOPSIE

WHY'D YOU HAVE TO MAKE ME CRY ?!
YOU BITCH !!

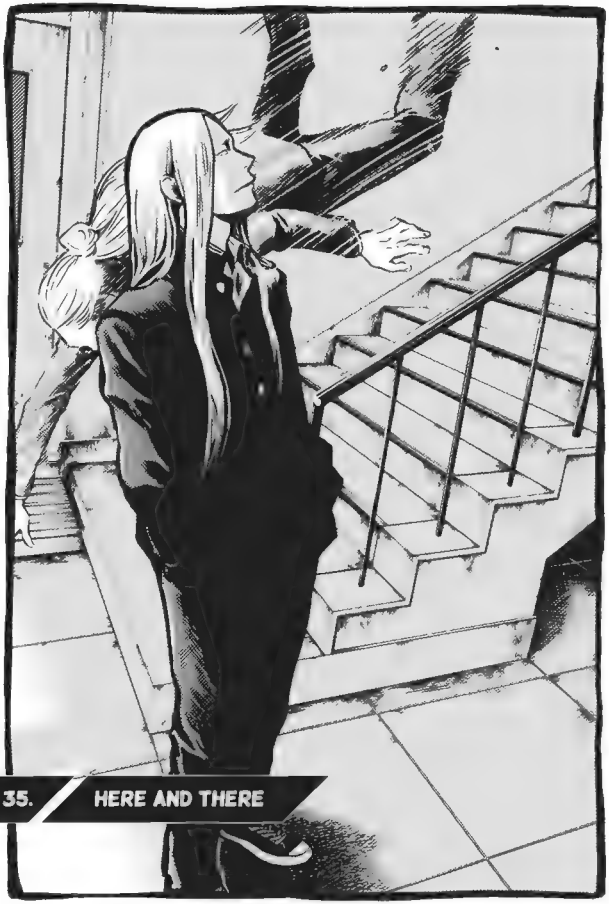
I WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING HOW THINGS COULD BE DIFFERENT.
WHAT?
THE WEST BUILDING IS UNDER RENOVATION?!
YEAH. IT'S CLOSED FOR A WHILE.
CONK
CONK

I NEVER WANTED TO GO BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL, AND IT'S NO MYSTERY WHY I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.


I MISS THEM MORE THAN I'VE EVER MISSED ANYONE...
BUT NO MATTER HOW BADLY I WANT TO GO BACK...

Fuck!!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF THE CLUB ROOM AT ALL.
WHOA
THIS IS AWFUL
IT'S TOO LATE.
HE COULD'VE CALLED US BEFORE THEY STARTED.
DAMN IT, KITAJIMA-SENSEI.

CHAN-KUMA!
LUCKY SUGA!
OKA!
OH ...
YOU MUST BE IMAMURA-KUN, HUH?
KITAJIMA-SENSEI GOT IN TOUCH WITH US.
WE WERE VISITING HOME TODAY, ANYWAY, SINCE WE DON'T HAVE CLASS. SO, WE FIGURED WE'D STOP BY.
HE SAID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR USAMI?


35.
HERE AND THERE

DAMN ...
YOU GUYS ARE JUST LIKE YOU WERE IN MY DREAM WORLD.

THERE'S CHAN-KLIMA, THE GURU OF GROVEL-ING AND DRUM-MING GENIUS!
AND YOU'RE LUCKY SUGA, THE SENIOR WITH THE BIG VOICE AND THE BIGGER ATTITUDE!
YOU'RE OKA, THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY WITH A KNACK FOR CUTTING CORNERS!

HEY, DON'T TALK LIKE I'M ALL BAD!
I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?
YOU THREE ARE THE ONES WHO ABANDONED THE OUENDAN!
POINT

I DON'T THINK I MET THESE GUYS THREE YEARS AGO...
...AND YET, THEY REALLY DO EXIST!

HEY!
CHAN-KUMA!
JERK
SO,
WHERE IS THE CAPTAIN?
WHY'D SHE DROP OUT THREE YEARS AGO?

I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY !
IT'S ALL MY FAULT THE OUENDAN FELL APART!
HURK
FLUMP
COME ON, CHAN-KUMA, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO MESSED UP.
NO!!!
GOD! WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GET OVER IT?
... that fucking tease!
I WAS JUST GOING ALONG WITH WHAT YOU GUYS WERE DOING!
HEY!
SHUT UP! IT'S NOT LIKE OKA'S ANY BETTER!
YOU COULD AT LEAST SHOW A LITTLE SHAME, SUGA SENPAI! YOU ABANDONED THE OUEN-DAN TOO!
KYAAAA
KYAAAA
OH.
SO, ONCE THE OUENDAN FELL APART FOR GOOD...
...THEY ALL WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.

HEY, WHY ARE YOU GUYS ALL HERE, ANYWAY?
HUH?
OH, WE GOT A CALL FROM KITAJIMA-SENSEI.
HE SAID THEY WERE RENOVATING THE WEST BUILDING, AND OUR OLD CLUB ROOM WOULD BE GETTING TORN DOWN.
TUNK
TUNK
AND I GUESS ...
WE SORT OF THOUGHT USAMI MIGHT SHOW UP.
I MEAN, SHE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT SAYING A WORD TO ANYONE. I WONDER WHERE SHE WENT.
YEAH. I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED ...

YOU SEE...
UH-OH, I'M A STRANGER TO THEM.
WE...
HUH?
DO YOU KNOW USAMI?
HOW?
WAIT, SO, WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?
NO... THERE'S NO WAY, THEY'D BELIEVE ME. THEY'D JUST WRITE ME OFF AS SOME CREEP, AND, THAT'D BE THE END OF IT.
SHOULD I JUST TELL THEM ABOUT MY DO-OVER?
UHHH
YOU'RE A STALKER WHO'S MADLY IN LOVE WITH CAPTAIN USAMI! YOU CREEP! YOU PERVERT!
BAM!!
I GET IT!
OH!
GASP!

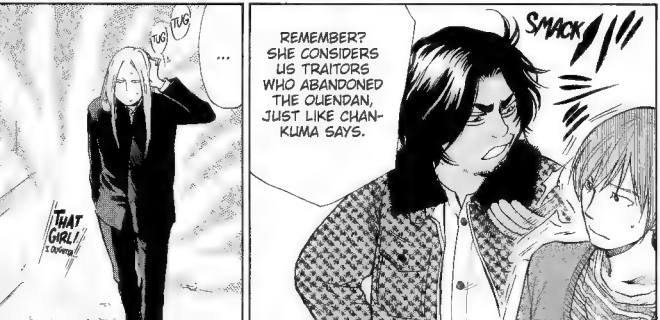
WHAAAAT?!
I GUESS I'LL JUST LIE.
ACTUALLY, SHE AND I WERE DATING.
W-
WE KEPT IT A SECRET. YOU'RE THE FIRST PEOPLE I'VE TOLD.
THEN WHY'D WE NEVER HEAR ABOUT IT?!
SHY
SHY
I-
I FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WHEN I SAW HER AT MY ENTRANCE CEREMONY, SO I ASKED HER OUT ON THE SPOT.
You'd only have a few months
WHEN DID YOU START DATING? WEREN'T YOU TWO GRADES BELOW HER?
PLEASE!
OKAY
...
JUST HOW FAR DID YOU TWO GO?!

WELL, I CAN TELL YOU HER PANTIES AREN'T VERY SEXY.
NOT THAT I GOT A VERY GOOD LOOK AT THEM...
HER HUGE ASS MAKES UP FOR IT, THOUGH.
YOU'VE GOT A BIG ASS, DON'T YOU?!
O...OW!!
FUCK
ガシャン!!
SLAM!!

AAAAAAA
シュン
SHUP
TUP TUP TUP TUP
CHAN-KUMAAA!
AAAAAGH
CRAAASH
HE NEVER GOT OVER USAMI DROPPING OUT.
HE STILL ALMOST NEVER LEAVES HIS HOUSE.

IF YOU'RE HER BOYFRIEND, THEN HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HER AT ALL?
Y-
YEAH...
DID USAMI TELL YOU?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU KNOW THE STORY.
MAKES SENSE, I GUESS. HE IS THE ONE WHO SEXUALLY HARASSED HER UNTIL IT GOT THE OUENDAN PUT ON HIATUS.
WOW.
HE WAS THAT INTO HER, HUH?

DID SHE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT US BEFORE SHE DROPPED OUT?
I SEE...
NO, NOT A WORD. IS-ISN'T THAT CRUEL? SHE VANISHED WITHOUT SAYING A THING TO HER OWN BOYFRIEND...


TUG
TUG
...
THAT GIRL! S. OUENTIN
REMEMBER? SHE CONSIDERS US TRAITORS WHO ABANDONED THE OUENDAN, JUST LIKE CHAN-KUMA SAYS.
SMACK

I NEED YOUR HELP.
COME BACK TO THE QUEN-DAN.
THAT'S WHAT CAPTAIN USAMI SAID.
SHE NEVER WANTED TO STOP CHEERING WITH YOU GUYS.

SHE'S NOT GOOD AT THAT KIND OF THING. YOU KNOW? I'M SURE YOU GET IT.
SHE JUST COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO SAY IT TO YOU DI-RECTLY.
YEAH,
WAIT ...
SHE REALLY SAID THAT?
SHE DID BOW TO YOU IN THE DO-OVER WORLD.
YEAH, NO...
I MEAN, CAN YOU REALLY SEE HER BOWING TO US? SHE PROBABLY COULDN'T.
SHE SHOULD'VE TOLD US! THAT IDIOT!
GOD!

HEY.
IF YOU GUYS COULD GO THREE YEARS BACK IN TIME, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
UHH?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
JUST, THEORET-ICALLY...
YOU KNOW, WHAT IF?
HMM...
HMM...
WELL...
IF I COULD GO THREE YEARS BACK IN TIME...

WHAT ?!
I thought you hated girls!
I'D FIND MYSELF A GIRLFRIEND.
HUH ?!
THEN AGAIN, IT WAS SORT OF A PAIN IN THE ASS, SO I'M NOT SURE.
... MAYBE I'D REJOIN THE OLIENDAN?

NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE LUCKY SUGA WORRIED ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE THINK...
I CANNOT Control Myself
THEN THE GUYS AT COLLEGE WOULDN'T MAKE SO MUCH FUN OF ME... GOD DAMN THEM!
IF I'D HAVE ACTUALLY PUT SOME EFFORT INTO DATING A GIRL WHILE I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL,

LIGH ...
IF I COULD GO THREE YEARS BACK IN TIME AGAIN...
OH, NO REASON ...
WHY DO YOU ASK?

THEY'RE TWO SEPARATE WORLDS.
...CAPTAIN USAMI WOULDN'T CHANGE HERE IN REALITY.
...EVEN IF IT WAS THE SAME WORLD, WITH EVERYTHING THE WAY I LEFT IT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS.
IF THAT'S NOT A DREAM,
CAPTAAAIN! COME ON! WHERE ARE YOU?!
HE'S STILL SHAKEN UP.
HE REALLY LOVES HER, HUH?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? MAYBE WE CAN FIND USAMI TOGETHER.

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WHAT THE HELL AM I READ-ING?!
I CREEP ME OUT!
IT CREEPS ME OUT!
WHAM!!!
NGH...
?!
AKI ?!
ARE YOU AWAKE ?
MMUH...
MUMBLE
IMA-MURA...
HEY...
RAGE
HEY! AKI ?!
HEY, I'M HIRO!
DON'T CONFUSE ME WITH HIM!

IMAMURA
...
AKI
...
ARE YOU DREAMING OR SOMETHING?
COME ON, AKI. WAKE UP.
AKI
...
WAKE UP ALREADY.

AKI...
HIRO-KUN!
WHO'S THERE?
OH, I KNOW THAT VOICE...
WH-WHA?
DAMN.
I FELL ASLEEP SITTING UP.

IMAMURA.
HOW LONG IS IT GONNA TAKE FOR YOU TO WAKE UP?

36.
FORGET-ME-NOT

COME ON.
WAKE UP ALREADY, IMAMURA.
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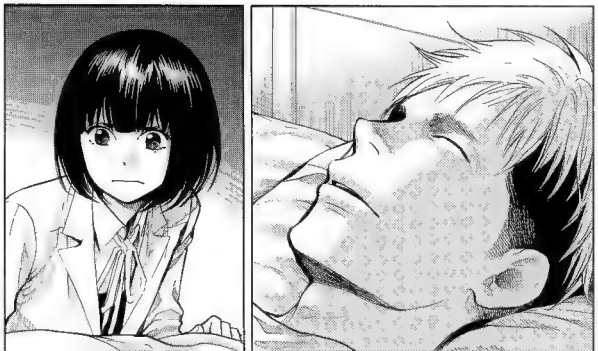
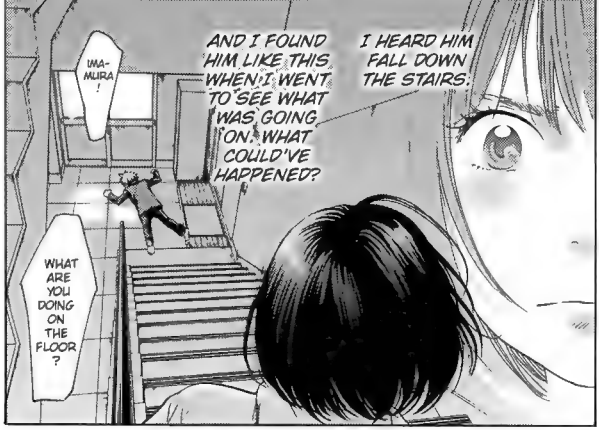
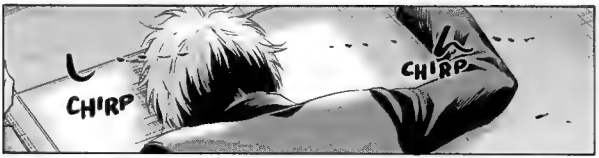
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA STAY LIKE THIS?
IMA-MURA!




I HEARD HIM FALL DOWN THE STAIRS.
AND I FOUND HIM LIKE THIS WHEN I WENT TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON. WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED?
IMA-MURA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE FLOOR?


CHIRP
CHIRP

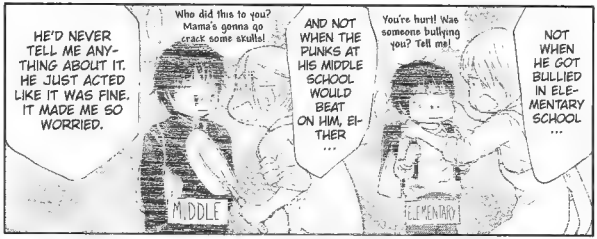
GAH!
SWIP
AAAAGH
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
DASH
IMA-MURA?!

OH GOD!
FWIP!!
IMA-MURA?!
OWWWWW!
OOF!
NEEE WOOO
CENTRAL HOSPITAL
NEEE WOOO
THE DOCTORS COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH HIM... BUT HE JUST WON'T WAKE UP.
WAAAH
WAKE UUUP!
WHAT IF I MANAGED TO FINISH HIM OFF?
I KNOW.
HOW LONG CAN HE STAY LIKE THIS?
Hellooo!
I'M REALLY WORRIED. HE'S TAKING SO LONG TO WAKE UP...
?!
YOU'RE IMA-MURA'S MOTHER!
OH, I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU HERE, AKIRA-CHAN.

FLINCH
IT'S LIKE HE JUST GREW UP OUT OF NOWHERE.
HE USED TO BE SUCH A LONER...
HE'S CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE STARTING HIGH SCHOOL.
OH, KIN-CHAN ...

AND HE NEVER TALKED TO ME ABOUT SCHOOL.
YEAH!
HE NEVER HAD ANYONE OVER TO VISIT.

QUESTION!
OOH!
OOH!
UHHHH... HEY! SO, IS IT TRUE THAT IMAMURA-KUN NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS?


HE'D NEVER TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT IT. HE JUST ACTED LIKE IT WAS FINE. IT MADE ME SO WORRIED.
Who did this to you? Mama's gonna go crack some skulls!
MIDDLE
AND NOT WHEN THE PUNKS AT HIS MIDDLE SCHOOL WOULD BEAT ON HIM, EITHER ...
You're hurt! Was someone bullying you? Tell me!
ELEMENTARY
NOT WHEN HE GOT BULLIED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ...

I HOPE HE CAN GO BACK TO THE QUENDAN SOON!
OF COURSE, THAT'S WHY I'M HAPPY HE'S GOT FRIENDS LIKE YOU NOW.

I CAN'T TELL HER HOW BAD THIS IS FOR THE OUENDAN!
?!
UM...
YOU KNOW...
EVERYONE'S JUST EAGER FOR HIM TO WAKE UP.
ARE YOU GUYS STILL ABLE TO TRAIN FOR IT WITHOUT HIM?
THE BASEBALL TEAM HAS THAT SPRING PRACTICE GAME COMING UP, AFTER ALL.

SEVERAL STUDENTS AND GUARDIANS HAVE PROVIDED EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE OUENDAN'S CAPTAIN BEING VIOLENT TOWARDS IMAMURA.

THERE WAS NO BULLYING OR CORPORAL PUNISHMENT GOING ON? YOU WEREN'T TAKING IT TOO HARD ON HIM?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S ALL IT WILL TAKE TO CONVINCE US? ARE YOU SUGGESTING THE OUENDAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY HIDDEN ISSUES?
AND YOU WANT US TO BELIEVE HIS FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT?

...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, USAMI?
I CAN ASSURE YOU!
NO, NO, NO.
LIKE I'VE EXPLAINED, IMAMURA WAS HAVING A GOOD TIME PARTICIPATING IN THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES.
I WAS BEING EXTREMELY HARD ON IMAMURA. IT'S PART OF THE OUENDAN'S TRADITION TO ENFORCE DISCIPLINE WITH AN IRON FIST!
BAM!
HE WAS NOT HAVING A GOOD TIME!
I DON'T CARE WHO THINKS WE'RE BEHIND THE TIMES!
PLEASE UNDERSTAND, MR. PRINCIPAL!
WE'LL GET THIS ALL CLEARED UP ONCE IMAMURA IS BACK WITH US!
A-A-A-ANYWAY!
YOU MONSTER!!
I ALSO HEADBUTTED HIM.
REPEATEDLY!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME! USAMI!
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD!
WHAT (?!)
THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!

WELL THEN ...
UNTIL IMAMURA RETURNS TO CONSCIOUSNESS...
...I'LL BE PUTTING THE OUENDAN ON INDEFINITE HIATUS.
GAH!
BUT MR. PRINCIPAL!
WE NEED TO CHEER AT THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME SOON!
HMM ...
STILL ...
THE CHEERLEADERS CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT EVEN WITHOUT THE OUENDAN.
AND, AFTER ALL, A COMMOTION LIKE THIS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO DISTRACT THE BASEBALL TEAM FROM THEIR TRAINING FOR THE GAME, DON'T YOU THINK?
IN THAT CASE,
POINT!!
WE CAN CHEER IF IMAMURA COMES BACK, RIGHT?
THIS IS BAD!
GYAA
REEE!
AAAAA!
AAA
You can't just point at the principal like that, Usami!

OUENDAN MEMBERS: DO NOT ENTER
WE'RE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO TRAIN TOGETHER ?!
WHAT ?!
OUENDAN
Shit!
BUT WE SWORE WE WOULD CREATE A NEW WAY OF CHEERING!
OUENDAN MEMBERS: DO NOT ENTER
HMM ...
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUST SIT ON OUR HANDS AND WAIT?!
WE BARELY HAVE ANY TIME LEFT UNTIL THE PRACTICE GAME!
IMAMURA WILL WAKE UP SOON! UNTIL THEN, YOU ARE ALL TO PREPARE AS YOU SEE FIT!
HEY !
USAMI !

I'LL MAKE SURE WE CAN GET RIGHT TO IT ONCE IMAMURA'S BACK.
I'LL COLLECT DATA ON THE BASE-BALL TEAM AND GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO HOW WE MIGHT CHEER THEM ON.
CLENCH
FOR NOW, I'LL TRAIN WITH THE KARATE CLUB.
RIGHT. CRYING'S NOT GONNA SOLVE ANY-THING, SO I GUESS IT'S TIME TO HONE MY BODY.
YOU GUYS ...
WHITELINE
WHITELINE
I'M SURE IMAMURA-KUN WILL BE BACK WITH US SOON!
HEY!
Y-
YEAH!
CAPTAIN! IF YOU'RE LONELY, WE CAN SPEND THE NIGHT IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS AND START A FAMILY. THERE'S NO NEED TO WAIT-
SMACK-
Oh!!
Fuck!!

WE ALL THOUGHT HE'D WAKE UP SOON.
IT WAS A NICE THOUGHT.
HUH.
STILL NOT HERE.

DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
KANAN
OUTTA THE PARK!
KANAN
KANAN
WHAT THE ...
THEY'RE NOT EVEN BEING SHY ABOUT STEALING THE OUENDAN'S MOVES!
OUTTA THE PARK!
KANAN
YEAH!
NOW THAT THE OUENDAN'S GONE, US CHEER-LEADERS WILL HAVE TO BRING IT!
THERE'S LESS THAN A WEEK LEFT UNTIL THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME.
DON'T JUST ASSUME THE OUENDAN IS DONE FOR!
WE GOTTA WIN!
WE GOTTA WIN!

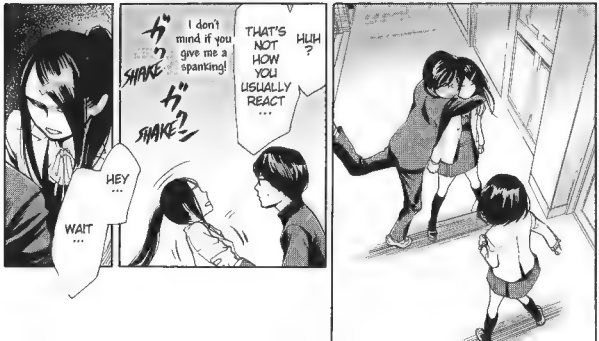
HEY SUGA-SENPAI, YOU SEEM A LITTLE OUT OF SHAPE.
SHUT UP!
Ay!
HI-YA!
KANAN
WE'RE STARTING OVER! BAHAHA-HAHA!
GOD ...
HE'S JUST PLAYING AROUND ...
HEY, OKA, THESE GIRLS SAID THEY WANT YOU TO COME ALONG TO DISNEY-LAND.
YOU IN?
WOW, REAL-LY?
COME ON!
YEAH, OKA-CHAN-SENPAI, LET'S DO IT!
SQUEE♡ SQUEE♡
OH GOD! I'M SO EXCITED!
DAMN IT, OKA!
IMA-MURA'S IN THE HOSPITAL AND YOU'RE HERE FLIRTING? WHAT THE HELL?!
WHOA!
HUH ?
IMA-MURA ?

OH!
IMA-MURA! RIGHT.
SOR-RY.
YEAH.
GOOD POINT.
GOD!
KEEP YOUR PRIOR-ITIES STRA-IGHT.
WHAT'S THAT FIRST YEAR'S PROB-LEM? GOD.
...
...
HII.....
FSSSH

LIM
WHY'D I COME TO THE HOSPITAL AGAIN?
WAIT.
CAP-
TAIN
...

OUENDAN MEMBERS: DO NOT ENTER
OUENDAN MEMBERS: DO NOT ENTER
BADUMP
CAP-TAIN!
HERE YOU ARE.
UGGGH, LIS-TEN TO THIS! THE OTHER MEM-BERS OF THE OUENDAN ARE JUST MESSING AROUND EVEN THOUGH IMA-MURA'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS!
THEY COULD AT LEAST SHOW A LITTLE CON-CERN!
I... MA... MURA ?
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD HIS NAME BE-FORE? ARE YOU HELEN KELLER?
Like, "water?" or what? ever

OH, YEAH ... KINICHIRO IMAMURA ... RIGHT.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER MAN? YOU SHOULD PAY MORE ATTEN-TION TO ME!


HUH?
THAT'S NOT HOW YOU USUALLY REACT ...
I don't mind if you give me a spanking!
SHAKE
SHAKE
HEY ...
WAIT ...

DO YOU REMEMBER...
...WHAT IMAMURA LOOKED LIKE?
WHAT?!
WE SHOULD GO LIE DOWN.
YOU SEEM TIRED.
STOP THAT.

37. I MISS YOU WHEN YOU'RE GONE

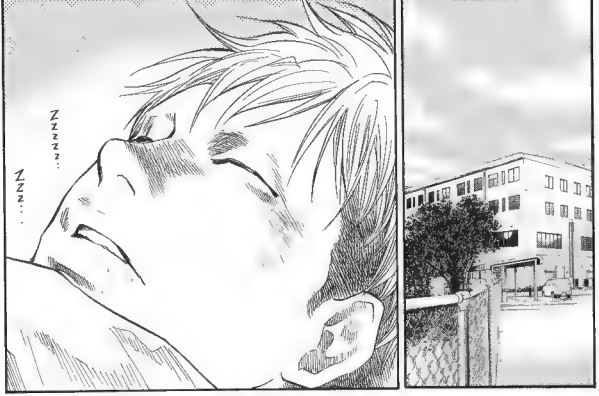
I MEAN, THAT'S HORRIBLE! HE'S ONLY BEEN GONE A FEW DAYS! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS!
YOU SERIOUSLY CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE? PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE JOKING!
EVEN YOU, CAPTAIN?!
YEAH... SOMETHING MUST BE...
SNIFF
SNIFF
CHAN-KUMA, WOULD YOU PLEASE PUT HER DOWN SO WE CAN TALK?
EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHY IT HAPPENED...
WAIT...
NO... CHAN-KUMA, YOU REMEMBER WHO IWAMURA IS, RIGHT?

SMACK
THE LITTLE BLOND GUY WHO'S ALWAYS PISSED!
YOU KNOW! IMAMURA!
BE SERIOUS, CHANKUMA!
JUST WHO IS THIS "IMAMURA"?
NO IDEA!
FWICK
FWICK

IMAMURA ...
... PLAYED TAIKO FOR THE OUENDAN, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU ...
?!

No, no, no
THERE GOES YOUR IMAGINATION AGAIN.
I'LL HAVE YOU YET!!
CAPTAIN!!
GRIT
HUH?!
Chankuma, that's you.
KINICHIRO IMAMURA.
THAT'S THE SHAMELESS GUY WHO'S BEEN HUGGING AND KISSING ON CAPTAIN USAMI EVER SINCE HE FELL IN LOVE WITH HER AND JOINED THE OUENDAN.
I REMEMBER NOW.
That Fuckin' Boy!!

HOW DID THE OLIENDAN COME BACK FROM HIATUS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
WHAT'S KEEPING US FROM PARTICI-PATING IN THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME NOW?
IF I DON'T KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT, MY MEMORY GETS FUZZY.
COME ON.
YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT. IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S DEAD.
GASP
DASH
HEY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I HOPE I'M WRONG...
...BUT COULD HE BE DISAPPEARING FROM THE DO-OVER WORLD?!
IMAMURA!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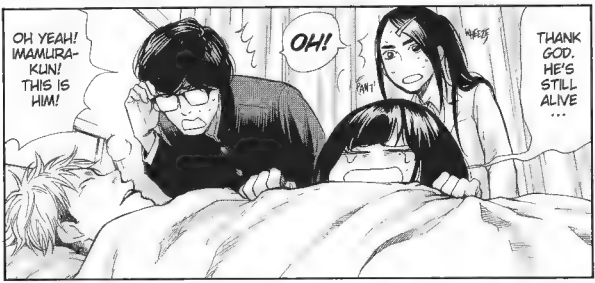
Zzz...


OH YEAH! IWAMURA-KUN! THIS IS HIM!
OH!
PANT
PANT
THANK GOD. HE'S STILL ALIVE...

HUH.
S-
SORRY.
THANKS TO YOU WEIRDOS FORGETTING HE EVEN EXISTED!
JUST... I STARTED GETTING ANXIOUS THAT MAYBE HE DIED OR SOMETHING...
YOU STARTLED ME WHEN YOU CAME BURSTING IN HERE, AKIRA-CHAN.
Would you like an apple?

FOR A SECOND, I TOTALLY FORGOT THAT KIN-CHAN WAS IN THE HOS-PITAL.
Y'KNOW, WHEN I GOT HERE TODAY, I HAD A BIT OF A BRAIN FART MYSELF.
MAYBE I'M NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP.
GOD ...
WOULD YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT-
NOOOOOO!
DON'T LEAVE ME ALL ON MY OWN IN THE DO-OVER WORLD!
WAAAH
IMA-MURA!
HEY!
FUJI-EDA.
WAAAH
HEY!
IF YOU DIE, HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET BY ALL ON MY OWN?! YOU ASSHOLE!
NOOOOO!
FLOP

WHAT THE HELL IS THE DO-OVER WORLD?! NONE OF US HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
YOU GUYS WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO BELIEVE THAT IMAMURA AND I CAME FROM THREE YEARS IN THE FUTURE!
DOES IT HAVE SOME-THING TO DO WITH US FOR-GETTING ABOUT IMAMURA?!
YOU CAN'T JUST SIT THERE CRYING LIKE A BABY ABOUT IT!
GRRR!
OOPS...
DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT...
Oh god...
...

HAHA HAHA
WHAT A KNEE-SLAPPER! YOU OUGHTTA BE ON TV!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
IT'S TRUE!
PAT PAT
N-NO!
BA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA! WE MUST ALL BE SLEEP-DEPRIVED!

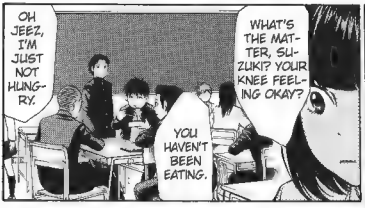
キョトン
?
UH...
OKAY, LET'S SEE...
I CAN!
THEN CAN YOU TELL US WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, AKIRA-CHAN?
I'M TELLING YOU IT'S TRUE!

YOU'RE SCARING ME!
WHAT IF ALL OF YOU FORGET HIM?
JUST DON'T FORGET ABOUT IMA-MURA!
WH-WH-WHO CARES?!
I NEED TO POST A THREAD PREDICTING THIS ON 2CHAN!
WHAT? THAT'S TERRIBLE!
WELL, DANSHI TATEKAWA AND KIM JONG-IL ARE GOING TO DIE AROUND THE END OF THIS YEAR...
WAIT.
DID I HEAR THAT RIGHT?!

...
OH MY.
ぐすん
WHIMPER
SNIFFLE
THANK YOU, AKIRA-CHAN.
WAAAH
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT MY SON.
WAAAH
THAT'S SO KIND OF YOU.
WHO KNOWS HOW LONG HE'LL BE PLAYING SLEEPING BEALITY? I HOPE HE WAKES UP SOON, THOUGH.
H" FSSS
SSH.....
HEY, AKI-CHAN!
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH. LET'S EAT!
CHATTER
AHHHA...

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS.
WHAT'S HE HAVE TO DO WITH US?
HUH?

HAVE YOU NOTICED?
IMAMURA'S MISSING.
HEY.


OH JEEZ, I'M JUST NOT HUNGRY.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN EATING.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SUZUKI? YOUR KNEE FEELING OKAY?

Y'KNOW, COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW DID YOU END UP EATING LUNCH WITH US EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN SEPARATE CLASSES, AKI-CHAN?
THEY MAY REMEMBER THAT IMAMURA'S THEIR CLASSMATE, BUT THEIR MEMORIES OF THEIR TIME WITH HIM ARE GONE.

UGGGH, I DON'T WANNA PLAY IN THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME!
BUT YOU'RE OUR ACE, MAN! YOU'VE GOTTA HANG TOUGH!
I'VE LOST MY CONFIDENCE!
I THINK I'M DOOMED!

I DON'T KNOW... I WAS READY UNTIL JUST LAST WEEK.
BUT NOW I'M SUPER ANXIOUS.
I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PITCH.
BUT...
...THEY CAN TELL...
...SOMEHOW...
...THAT IMAMURA IS MISSING.
YEEEAH!
WE WERE GONNA CHEER AT THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME. SO...
KATTTING

SCRITCH-
SCRITCH-
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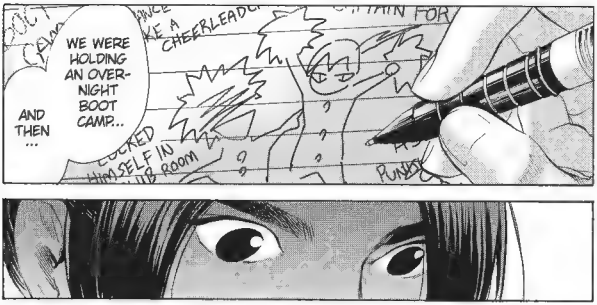
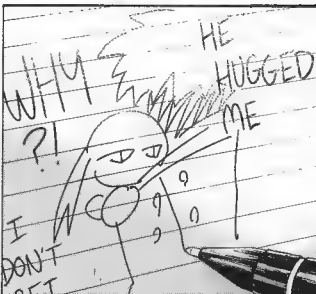
THAT ASS-HOLE!
IMAMURA HUMILIATED ME BY FORCING ME TO CHEER LIKE THE CHEER-LEADERS!
FWISH
I RE-MEMBER NOW!


WE WERE HOLDING AN OVER-NIGHT BOOT CAMP..
AND THEN ...

WHOA


WHY?!
HE HUGGED ME
I DON'T

KABUSU CENTRAL HOSPITAL

I SAID WAKE UP!
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE PRACTICE GAME!

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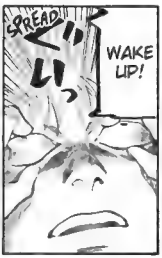

SPREAD
WAKE UP!

WAKE UP.
MA-MURA.

WAKE UP!
THWUNK

NNN
NNN

GLIH
...

SNOOORE
MMM...
チラッ
GLANCE
チラッ
GLANCE
BWA HA HA HA...
ピンポーン
DING DOOONG
バタン...
SLAM

IMA-
MURA.
PLEASE
WAKE UP.

HEY.
IMA-MURA.
I KNOW YOU LIKE ME.
YOU'VE GIVEN ME NO CHOICE.
SILENCE
CLENCH
BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME!
WOMPH

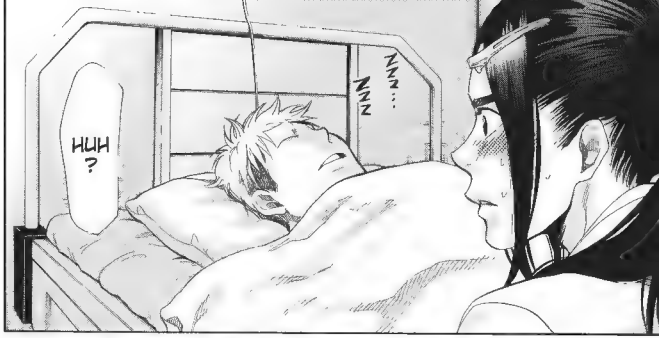
GA
SP
GUH
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
...
IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT, HUH?
DAMN...
CREAK

WE WON'T GET TO CHEER AT THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP.
PLEASE, IMA-MURA.

...THEN PLEASE WAKE UP.
IF YOU REALLY DO LIKE ME...

MY MEMORIES OF HIM ARE BECOMING A BLUR.
IMA-MURA ...
CREAK
IS THIS STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH?
HOW EXACTLY DID I FEEL ABOUT HIM, ANYWAY?

CAP-
TAIN,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
?!
GAH!
FWUMP


ZZZ...
HUH?

...WAS THAT?
WHO...

CALM DOWN, MISS IMAMURA!
BAP!
BAP!
I SAW IT! MY BABY'S FIRST KISS!
GASP!
ALTHOUGH MAYBE THAT WASN'T THE FIRST...

WHY ARE YOU KISSING HIM, CAPTAIN?
AAAGH!
AAAGH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

I DEFINITELY DON'T LIKE HIM OR ANYTHING!
I THOUGHT HE'D WAKE UP IF I KISSED HIM.
SMACK
NO NO NO!
I WAS JUST... YOU SEE...
YOU CALM DOWN TOO, CAPTAIN.
SMACK

I SAW SOME-THING ...
A GLIMPSE OF A MAN WITH LONG, BLOND HAIR.
HE LOOKED JUST LIKE IMAMURA.
HAVE I MET HIM BEFORE?
I don't remember.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE...
...IMA-MURA, THREE YEARS FROM NOW.
YOU MUST HAVE SEEN HIM LIKE HE WAS BEFORE WE JUMPED BACK IN TIME...

HEY!
HAVE YOU GONE BACK TO OUR OLD WORLD WITHOUT ME?!
BADUMP
...IMA-MURA!
BADUMP
IMAMURA!
BADUMP
KIN-CHAN?!
PLEASE WAKE UP.
GASP!

LURCH
ハッ
…
HUUUSH
THE CAPTAIN WAS RIGHT ON TOP OF ME AND BEING REALLY PROVOCATIVE.
STEAMY
ムラ
STEAMY
ムラ
STEAMY
ムラ
THAT WAS SOME DREAM …
WAS IT REALLY JUST A DREAM?!
IT FELT SO REAL, THOUGH…
"…THEN PLEASE WAKE UP."
"IF YOU REALLY DO LIKE ME…"

SNORE
SNORE
ONE MORE TIME
COME ON, YOU CAN TELL YOUR OWN MOM.
HEY, SO... YOU'VE NEVER KISSED A GIRL BEFORE, RIGHT, KIN-CHAN?
ASSHOLE!
WAKE UP, MAMURA! DON'T LEAVE ME ON MY OWN IN THE DO-OVER WORLD!
I'M NOT MAD THAT YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KIN-CHAN?
DAMN IIIT!
GOD! WHY CAN'T I HAVE THE SAME DREAM AGAIN?!
I WANT TO GO BACK.
I'LL EAT IN

I WONDER IF I'LL END UP THERE.
IF I FALL DOWN THESE STAIRS AGAIN...
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE...
I WANT TO RETURN...
...TO THE DO-OVER WORLD.
FWT
COME BACK, IMAMURA!
I MIGHT EVEN GET MYSELF KILLED.
BADUMP
GULP...
BA DUMP
BADUMP

?!
STOP!
FWISH
OUTTA THE WAAAY!
THUNK

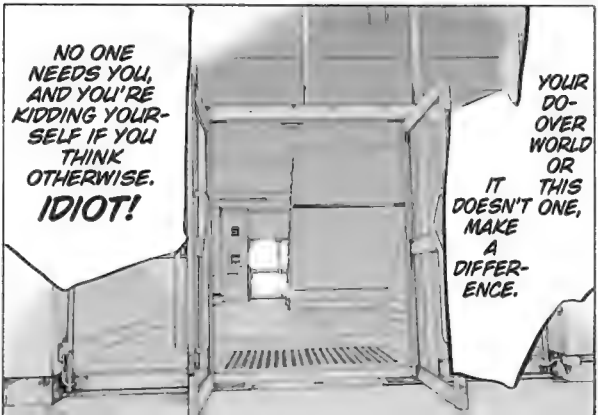
YOU NEED TO GIVE UP ON THAT STUPID FANTASY OF YOURS!
YOU JUST RUINED MY BEST SHOT AT GOING BACK IN TIME AGAIN!
BOOM

NGH...
OWWW...

ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, HIRO-KUN?
HUH ?
...
IT'S AK! ...
SHE'S BEEN CALLING YOUR NAME IN HER SLEEP.
STUFF LIKE, "IMA-MURA, COME BACK."
"YOU'RE GONNA MISS THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME."
AND, "DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE HERE."
...
I KNEW IT!
FUJIEDA IS STILL IN THE DO-OVER WORLD!
CLENCH
CLENCH
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, HIRO-KUN?
SHE AND I WEREN'T JUST DREAMING!
IN YOUR FACE !
...

IT STILL DIDN'T CHANGE THE REAL WORLD! YOU CAN'T GAIN ANYTHING FROM IT!
O-
OKAY, FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT, LET'S SAY YOU DID TRAVEL THROUGH TIME.

IN THIS WORLD, THE OUENDAN FELL APART, YOU NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS, AND NO ONE KNOWS YOU!
TWITCH
IT MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN A DREAM!


NO ONE NEEDS YOU, AND YOU'RE KIDDING YOURSELF IF YOU THINK OTHERWISE. IDIOT!
IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
YOUR DO-OVER WORLD OR THIS ONE,

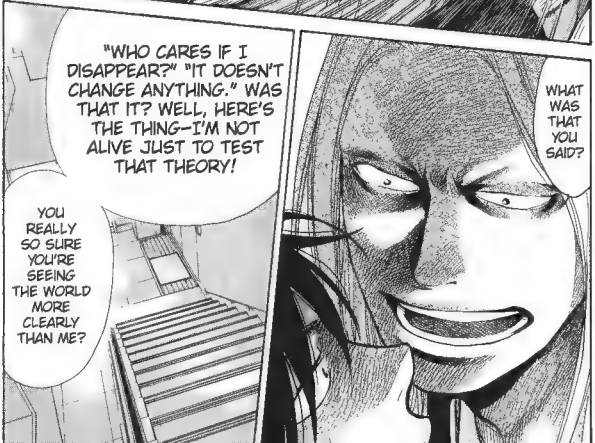
WHO CARES IF YOU DISAP-PEAR?
IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANY-THING.
THWUNK
WH-
WHAT THE HELL ?!

ALL RIGHT.
I'M GONNA MAKE SOME CHANGES IN THE DO-OVER WORLD, AND YOU GET TO HELP ME DO IT.
WHAT?

39. PARTNERS?

WAIT.
ARE YOU EVEN HEARING YOURSELF?
I'D FORGOTTEN ...
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, YOU CAN TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL AND GET THEM TO WAKE ME UP LATER.

HURK!
GRAB


"WHO CARES IF I DISAPPEAR?" "IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING." WAS THAT IT? WELL, HERE'S THE THING—I'M NOT ALIVE JUST TO TEST THAT THEORY!
YOU REALLY SO SURE YOU'RE SEEING THE WORLD MORE CLEARLY THAN ME?
WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?

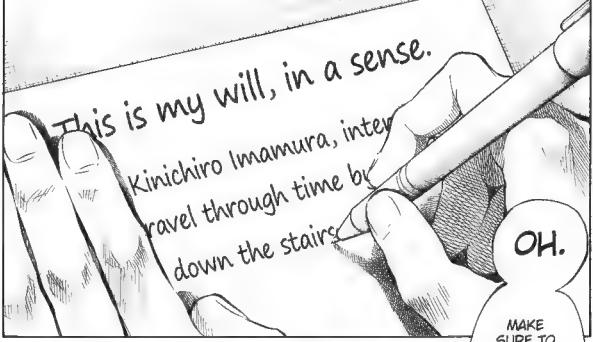
JUST WATCH.
THERE ARE THINGS IN THE WORLD YOU COULDN'T DREAM OF.

SINCE WHEN ARE YOU LIKE THIS? YOU'VE CHANGED...
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ME!
ANY-WAY, YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF THE REST!
DUP
DUP
DUP
WHAT ?!
BADUMP

DON'T DO IT!
YOU'RE NOT THINKING THIS THROUGH!
AAAAGH!
STOP!
OKAY, HERE I GO!

BESIDES, WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU? IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS!
BE SERI-OUS!
HUH ?
WHAT'S THE POINT IN THINKING IT THROUGH? I DON'T KNOW HOW THE UNIVERSE WORKS.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE...
He just goes on and on.

...THEN JUST ASK FOR ONE!
IF YOU NEED A FAVOR ...
WHAT ?


This is my will, in a sense.
Kinichiro Imamura, inte
ravel through time b
down the stairs.
OH.

MAKE SURE TO STATE CLEARLY THAT I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THIS.
R-
RIGHT.
ALSO, I'M GOING TO RECORD EVERY-THING YOU SAY FROM HERE ON OUT.
SO, I WANT YOU TO EXPLAIN THIS TIME TRAVEL STUFF. OKAY?
...
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I DON'T WANT YOU TO CREATE ANY ISSUES FOR ME.

I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY TO DETERMINE IF WHAT YOU'RE DOING REALLY IS TIME TRAVEL WITHOUT AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER.
IF IT'S NOT A DREAM, THEN WE SHOULD SEE SOME EFFECT ON THE REAL WORLD...
HEY!
MUMBLE MUMBLE
...
HIRO-KUN?
WELL...

Just can't get that excited
UH-HUH...
I'M ONLY TAKING IT THIS SERIOUSLY FOR YOUR SAKE, SINCE YOU WANT TO DO IT SO BADLY!
UH, SURE. SORRY. THAT'S FINE.
IT-IT'S NOT LIKE I BELIEVE IN TIME TRAVEL! I'M JUST TRYING TO BE EMPIRICAL!
JOLT

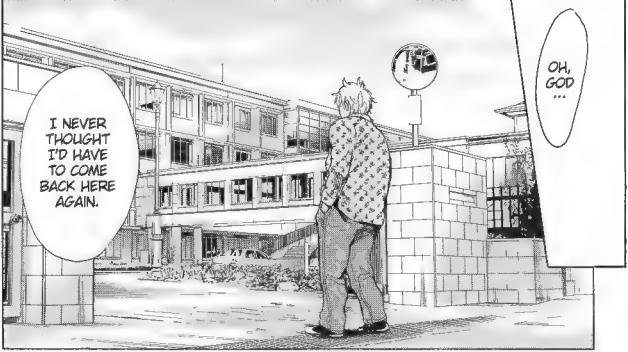
I JUST WANT TO GO BACK THERE AND DO MORE COOL STUFF.
SO, THE THING IS...I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TESTING WHETHER IT'S A PARALLEL UNIVERSE OR WHAT EFFECT IT HAS ON THE REAL WORLD OR WHATEVER.

...WHAT IF AKI NEVER WAKES BACK UP TO THE REAL WORLD?
AFTER ALL...
AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK.
EXCUSE ME? DO YOU HAVE ANY CLUE WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO?
IT WOULD BE HUGE IF WE COULD PROVE THE POSSIBILITY OF TIME TRAVEL.
KABOSU DE

DO YOU WANT TO STAY IN THE DO-OVER WORLD FOREVER?
OR DO YOU INTEND TO RETURN TO THIS ONE NO MATTER WHAT?
...
BADUMP
OF COURSE I'LL COME BACK.
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA

YOU'RE REALLY GETTING INTO THIS, HIRO-KUN.
I CAN BECOME A GOD.
HEH HEH HEH
AND SINCE YOU'RE COMING RIGHT BACK ANYWAY, WE MIGHT AS WELL GO ALL OUT AND TURN A LITTLE PROFIT.
IF YOU CAN BRING KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESENT THREE YEARS INTO THE PAST WITH YOU, THEN YOU SHOULD TRY TO REMEMBER AS MUCH AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN.
FWIP FWIP FWIP
GRADUATION ALBUM
...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, IMAMURA?
SHUT UP!
NOTHING ...
WHAT'S WITH THE YEARBOOK?

"WE WON'T GET TO CHEER AT THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP."
"PLEASE, IMAMURA."
...THEN HER HEART MUST REALLY BE SET ON HAVING ME THERE FOR THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME.
IF THAT WAS HER TALKING TO ME FROM INSIDE THE DO-OVER WORLD...
I HEARD THAT VOICE WHEN I DREAMT THE CAPTAIN WAS KISSING ME.
CAP-TAIN ...
OH.
OH YEAH.
DON'T FORGET THAT WE AREN'T FRIENDS!
BAM
WIPE THAT GRIN OFF YOUR FACE AND TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!
WORK-ING TO-GETHER IS SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS...
IT'S ABOUT THE SPRING PRAC-TICE GAME.
KAZUSHI SUZUKI
I'M GONNA LOOK INTO IT.
WHAT?
BUT YOU'RE NOT DONE MEMOR-IZING THIS STUFF.
HEY!


I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN.
OH, GOD ...

HEY, HIRO. WHY'D YOU WANT TO MEET ME BACK AT SCHOOL ?

OH! THERE YOU ARE!
SUZUKI!

WHAT'S IMAMURA DOING HERE ?!
WHOA !
SUZUKI THREE YEARS EARLIER
HURK
WOW! I FORGOT HOW MUCH YOU'D CHANGE IN JUST THREE YEARS, SUZUKI.

HEY.
THREE YEARS AGO, AT OUR SPRING PRACTICE GAME AGAINST KABO-KOKU...
...YOU DIDN'T PITCH, DID YOU?
N-NO, I DIDN'T.
SQUISH
SQUISH
DID YOU SEE THE GAME?
YEAH.
I CHEERED OUR TEAM ON FROM THE BLEACH-ERS.
WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
GOOD!
WHAT WAS THE GAME LIKE?
Tell me in detail!
UHHH...
WHAT WAS IT LIKE? LEMME THINK...
WE WERE ALL REAL EXCITED.
IT LOOKED LIKE WE WERE ON THE VERGE OF MAKING A COME-BACK...

BA-DUMP
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SUZUKI?
?
IT'S WEIRD. I'M HAVING TROUBLE REMEMBERING WHAT HAPPENED.
I THINK...
WOOOO
CHATTER
HEY! LOOK OVER THERE!

SHE WAS JUST STANDING THERE, AND ...
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
QUENDAN
THE CAPTAIN OF THE QUENDAN WAS HOLDING THEIR FLAG ALL ON HER OWN.
...THE CAPTAIN OF THE CHEERLEADERS WAS PISSED.
QUENDAN
THAT'S WHEN ...
...THE WIND PICKED UP.
AND THE QUENDAN'S CAPTAIN ...
...GOT BLOWN AWAY, FLAG AND ALL.

THE CROWD PANICKED,
AND WE ENDED UP LOSING THE GAME.
WE WOULD'VE WON IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE OUENDAN.
HUH?
CAPTAIN, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

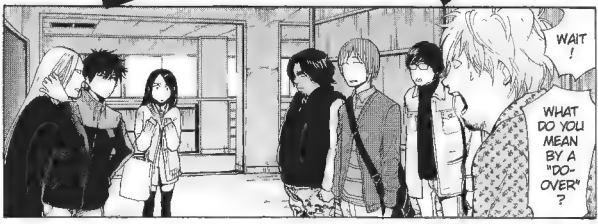
40.
REUNION

H"
ZSH"
FWOOO
...

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

HUH?
YOU WANT US TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT SPRING PRACTICE GAME FROM THREE YEARS AGO?
BAM
WHAT'S THE POINT?
WHY INTERROGATE US LIKE THIS?
KA-BAM
I MEAN, I DID CHEER AT THAT ONE, BUT THIS SEEMS SORT OF RANDOM.

I KNOW THIS IS VERY SUDDEN, BUT WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.
LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE.
IMAMURA'S PLANNING TO ATTEMPT A SORT OF "DO-OVER," AND WE WANT YOU GUYS TO ASSIST US BY ANSWERING A FEW QUESTIONS.
I'M BL


WAIT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A "DO-OVER"?

LET'S START OVER.
SORRY.

I TOLD YOU, HIRO-KUN! YOU'RE JUST CONFUSING THEM.
I ONLY BROUGHT THEM ALL HERE 'CAUSE YOU TOLD ME TO!

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

THINK BACK TO THREE YEARS AGO.
CAPTAIN USAMI CAUSED A SCENE AT THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME, AND THE ENSUING COMMOTION LED TO OUR TEAM'S DEFEAT. THE OUENDAN FELL APART...
...AND THE CAPTAIN DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL SOON AFTER.
YOU GUYS PUT SO MUCH PRESSURE ON HER THAT SHE FELT LIKE SHE WAS OUT OF OPTIONS, DIDN'T YOU?!
BADUMP

I WENT TO HER HOUSE EVERY DAY AND JUST KEPT KNOCKING ON THE DOOR!
WE HONESTLY NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO TALK TO HER.
WE HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED SECOND-HAND, AND I STILL DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS.
She even called the police, but that didn't stop me! NEVER GIVE UP!
BOO HOO HOO
Uh, right
I SEE...
IS THERE ANY CHANCE SOMEONE SET HER UP? SOMEONE WHO HAD A GRUDGE AGAINST HER?
SOMEONE LIKE...
OH!

HI, REO-CHAN! IT'S BEEN A WHILE. I HEAR YOU GOT ACCEPTED INTO THAT COLLEGE, HUH?
Congratulations!
WAIT, WHAT? YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT A BASEBALL PRACTICE GAME FROM THREE YEARS AGO?

CONSIDERING HER LITTLE OUTBURST COST US THE GAME, I WOULD'VE LIKED TO GIVE HER A PIECE OF MY MIND, BUT...
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.
EX-CUSE ME?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

ABE-TAMA?
SNATCH
UH, HELLO, IT'S ME. NOT THAT WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN THIS WORLD.
ACK!
YOU DID SOMETHING TO CAPTAIN USAMI THREE YEARS AGO, DIDN'T YOU?

WHEN I RAN UP TO HER AFTER SHE'D BEEN BLOWN AWAY...
USAMI-SAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

...USAMI-SAN HAD THIS LOOK OF UTTER DESPAIR ON HER FACE THAT I'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
AFTER SEEING THAT, EVEN I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO SAY ANYTHING.
OF COURSE, I'M GLAD SHE FINALLY REALIZED WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT SHE HAD BEEN.
BUT IT PISSES ME OFF THAT SHE WENT AND DROPPED OUT OVER HER GUILTY CONSCIENCE! IT'S LIKE SHE WAS TRYING TO PLAY THE VICTIM OR SOMETHING.
ANY-WAY, WHO ARE YOU?
...
GOD, THAT JUST DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE CAPTAIN AT ALL.
IS THAT REALLY ALL IT TOOK TO BREAK HER?!
SHE WASN'T THAT KIND OF GIRL! SHE'S THE TYPE WHO WOULD JUST HEADBUTT SOMEONE AND KEEP PRESSING FORWARD!
I DON'T GET IT.
キーン
AAAGH
CUT THE CRAP!

SO,
IF WE'D WON THAT PRACTICE GAME...
...WOULD IT HAVE CHANGED THE CAPTAIN'S FATE?
TUP
HUH ?
DASH
TWITCH

SMACK
CAP-
TAIN
!!!
FUCK YOU!
FUCK ME!

WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU ?!
DASH
USAMI, IS THAT YOU?
GASP
USAMI ...
THAT'S...
THE CAPTAIN?
SERIOUSLY?
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP

YOU MUST BE HAPPY!
USAMI WAS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND, AFTER ALL.
WINK
ピキーン☆
TWITCH
HUH?
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME THAT.
FOR REAL?
REALLY?! YOU AREN'T KIDDING?!
WHAT?
HEY!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
...
UHHH...
SWEEAT
DAMN IT... I FORGOT ABOUT THAT LIE...

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RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IMA-
MURA
...?
HUH
?!
TWISH
HOW'S
SHE
KNOW-
ガチャ

TOPPLE
BWAH ?
WHAT ?!
AAAGH!
I'M FALL-ING!
IMA-MURA !

THIS
IS IT!

KAWUSSSSH
HUH?
NO WAY.
BUB...
BUBBUB
I'M NOT DEAD.

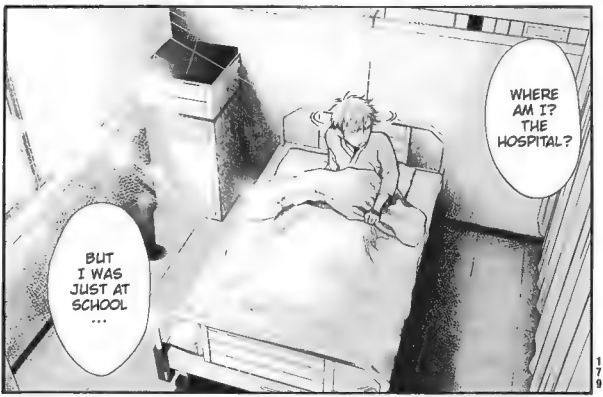
BA DUMP

41. BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER

PAANT
PAANT
PAANT

MY WHOLE BODY'S STIFF.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
OWW-WW!
UGH!
OUCH ...
HUP ...
CREAK

PANG
PANG
PANG
PANG
PANG
PANG
GUH…
MY HEAD FEELS LIKE IT COULD SPLIT OPEN.
WAIT.
MY HAIR'S SHORT.
PANG


WHERE AM I? THE HOSPITAL?
BUT I WAS JUST AT SCHOOL…

BADUMP
AND NOW I'VE GONE BACK IN TIME AGAIN?!
OH YEAH...
I FELL FROM THAT WINDOW...
FWIP

?!
I'll page the doctor!
YOU WERE OUT COLD FOR DAYS, SO YOU'LL PROBABLY BE PRETTY STIFF FOR A WHILE.

CRANCK
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

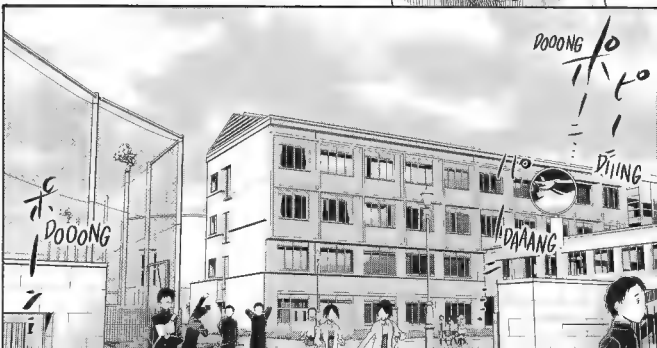
HEY, BOY!
YOU WOKE UP, HUH?
G-GUH

BEEP
CONNECTED
DAYS?! JUST HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?!

IT'S ME! YOU KNOW!
GRAND-MA?! YOU'RE ALIVE?!
HELLO ?
IMA-MURA RESI-DENCE.

ARE YOU SO SENILE YOU FORGOT YOUR OWN GRAND-SON?!
WHAT THE HELL ?!
COME ON, GRAND-MA!
My phone ...
Beautiful Dreamer
WHERE'S MOM? I'M AT THE HOSPIT-
THE "IT'S ME" SCAM!
DON'T BE FOOLED
OSU CITY POLICE

...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO DOWN JUST BECAUSE NO ONE'S COMING TO SEE YOU.
My family doesn't visit, either
EVERYONE WAS GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HOW THEY WANTED ME BACK, BUT NOW THAT I'M HERE, NO ONE CARES ANYMORE?!
GOD.
LET ME BORROW SOME CLOTHES, OLD MAN.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DIIING
DOOONG
DAAANG

AGH, I CAN'T REMEMBER HIS NAME.
HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL.
WHO SAT THERE, AGAIN?
WAIT...
ボム
TUK
OH, GOD...
I DON'T WANNA GO TO PRACTICE.
HUH? REMEMBER WHAT?
HEY, SUZUKI. DO YOU REMEMBER?
YAAAWN...
HONESTLY, IT'S A RELIEF THAT HE'S GONE.
THEY SCARE ME.
OH YEAH, HE NEVER SMILED, DID HE? I CAN'T HANDLE GUYS LIKE THAT.
I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER... WHAT THAT GUY LOOKED LIKE.
OH, YOU KNOW. HE WAS LIKE, YEAH.
I THINK HE WAS THIS SHORT, BLOND GUY. SUPER QUIET.

OH, I KNOW. HE WAS JUST SUCH A CREEP. WHY DOESN'T HE DO EVERY-ONE A FAVOR AND DIE ALREADY? SERIOUSLY.
SO THAT'S HOW YOU FELT ABOUT ME, HUH? YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SO!

?!
IMA-MURA-KUN!

BWAH?
UHH...
HMM?
HUH?
WAIT.

ARE YOU GUYS TRYING TO BULLY ME?! WELL? YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?!
WHAT THE HELL?! MY DESK IS COVERED IN TRASH!

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
WE'RE GONNA LOSE AT THIS RATE! JUST GET TO PRACTICE! WHATEVER!
AND DON'T GIVE ME ANY OF THAT BS ABOUT YOUR KNEE STILL HURTING, GOT IT?!
YOU BETTER BE KEEPING UP WITH YOUR TRAINING FOR THE SPRING PRACTICE GAME!
HEY, SUZUKI!
ULP!
DUMP
POINT

LET'S STOP SOMEWHERE ON THE WAY HOME!
BYE!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
GASP!
DID I GIVE HIM THE WRONG IDEA?
WHY WAS I SAYING THOSE THINGS?

EEP!
SORRY!
OH!
BUMP
AHHAHAHA

I'M REALLY SORRY.
LET ME WIPE THAT UP.
HEY.
...

DON'T BOTH-ER.
ARE YOU OKAY?
I HAVE SOME TISSUES.
DID IT STAIN?
YOU POOR THING.
GOD! DID SHE DO THAT ON PUR-POSE?
WHOA.
SHE'S GOT A MEAN LOOK ON HER FACE.
GRRR
THAT'S SCARY.
WHAT'D WE EVER DO TO HER?
GRRR
W-
CLENCH

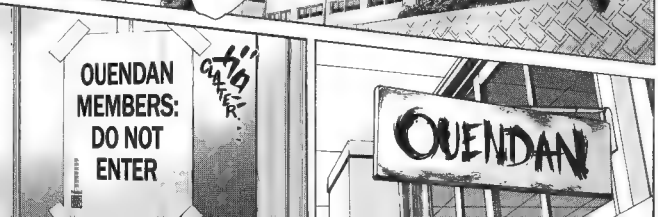
WOULD YOU ASS-HOLES GIVE ME A-
FUJI-EDA.
SLIDE...
FLINCH
FLINCH

IMAMURA...

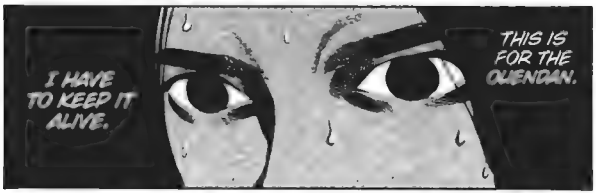
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU! GET OVER HERE! NOW!
THOUGHT YOU COULD JUST LEAVE ME FOR DEAD, HUH?!
IMA-MURA-AAA!
DRAG
DRAG
YOINK

THAT GUY ...
OH YEAH!
YOU KNOW.
UHH ...
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHO WAS THAT?
CHATTER
IS HE BULLYING FUJIEDA-SAN?
WAIT ...

THE ONE WHO JOINED THE OUENDAN RECENTLY. IMAMURA, I THINK?
I HEARD HE GOT INJURED DURING PRACTICE AND WAS IN THE HOSPITAL.


OUENDAN MEMBERS: DO NOT ENTER
CHATTER
OUENDAN

BAM!!


I HAVE TO KEEP IT ALIVE.
THIS IS FOR THE OLIENDAN.

#1 FLINCH
HUH?
IT'S LOCKED?
"DO NOT ENTER?" WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

LOOKS LIKE TIME WAS MARCHING FORWARD HERE IN THE DO-OVER WORLD WHILE I WAS BACK WHERE WE CAME FROM.
...
I ALREADY TOLD YOU. THEY'RE ON HIATUS AGAIN BECAUSE OF YOU.
ANYWAY, WE CAN'T LET THE CAPTAIN MAKE HER LAST STAND AT THE PRACTICE GAME WITH OUR CLUB FLAG! SHE'LL GET BLOWN AWAY BY THE WIND, AND WE'LL LOSE THE GAME!
THREE YEARS FROM NOW, EVERYONE'S LONG SINCE GIVEN UP ON TRYING TO FIND HER.
?
THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, THE CAPTAIN'S GONNA DROP OUT AND GO MISSING.
?
WAIT, WHAT ? THE FUTURE ?
YOU CAN TRY TO STOP HER, BUT SHE'S NOT GONNA LISTEN.
I MEAN, I TOLD HER WE'RE FROM THE FUTURE THE OTHER DAY, AND SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE ME AT ALL.

SOME-
ONE
NEEDS
TO BE
THERE
FOR
HER.
RIP
FROM
NOW
ON, NO
MATTER
WHAT
HAP-
PENS,
I WON'T
LET HER
TO BEAR
IT ALL
ALONE.

I WANT TO TEACH HER ...
...HOW TO LIVE LIKE SHE JUST DOESN'T GIVE A FUCK.

TELL ME EVERY-THING YOU KNOW.
?!
SLIDE
...GOING TO GET THAT BAD?
IS IT TRUE?
AM I REALLY ...
GLOOOOM...
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 5!

Again!!
アゲイン!!

IN THE NEXT VOLUME...
ARE YOU GUYS DATING?
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
CAPTAIN, YOU KISSED IMAMURA MORE THAN ONCE WHEN HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL.
HMM?
HUH?
OH!

RELATIONSHIPS ARE CHANGING.

I HEARD SHE FORCED HERSELF ON THEIR NEW MEMBER!
FOR REAL?
THAT USAMI? THE QUEEN-DAN'S CAPTAIN?
WAAAAGHT!
I HEARD THEY SCREW IN THE CLUB ROOM.
SHE MAY ACT TOUGH, BUT I GUESS SHE WAS REALLY STARVING FOR THE D!
NO WAY!
WHAT?!
CHATTER
NOOOO!
HEY, EV-ERY-BODY!
TUP TUP TUP TUP

...AND A SCANDAL IS BREWING!

COMING SOON!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THIS MUCH GOSSIPED-ABOUT COUPLE?!

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